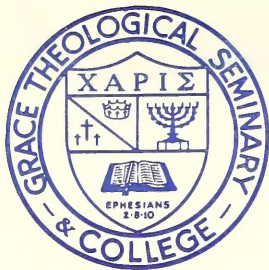


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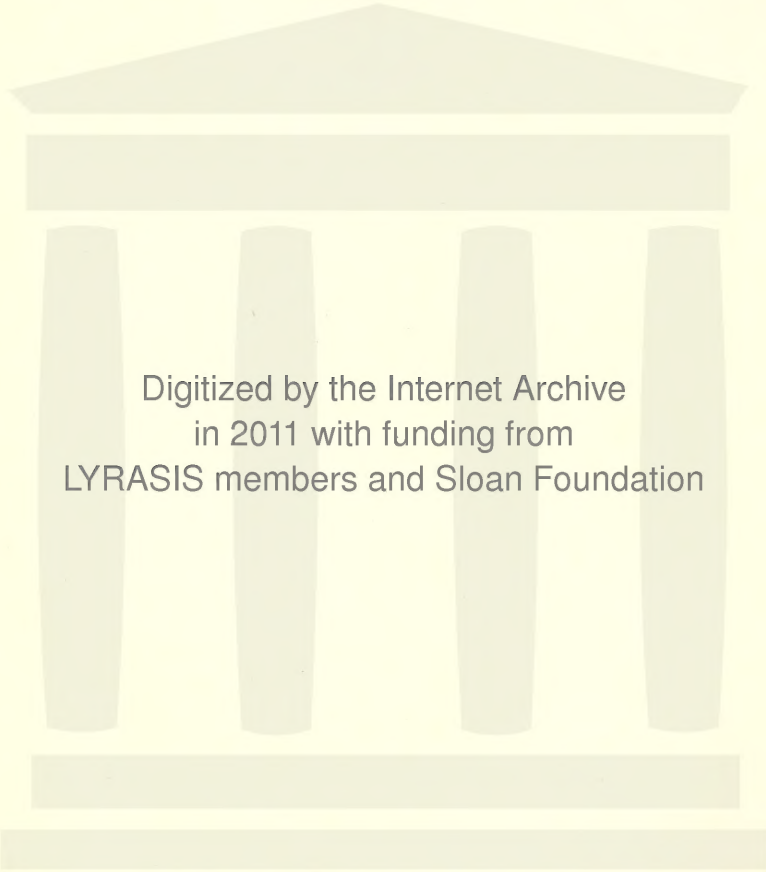
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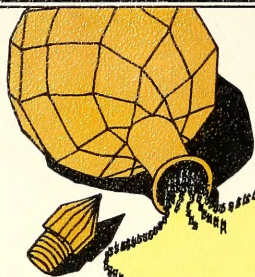
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Highlights of an Exciting Year



A Prosperous New Year to You! . . .

"Aunt Sally's Prosperity Oil" is Available

Charles W. Turner
Editor

We share together all of those special greetings for the right time and the right season. . . . Remember, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"? Well, in some areas of the country it is not a "happy," but a "prosperous" New Year that finds its way into the vocabulary. I am not certain what it all means, inasmuch as different greeters have their own interpretation of the word *prosperous*.

To illustrate this point, I recently heard a radio broadcast which aired the happy ring of gospel music, and, with it, an invitation to attend special services on a Sunday afternoon. It held out unusual promises to those who would attend. The highlight of the service was the opportunity to be anointed with—get this—"Aunt Sally's Prosperity Oil." Uncertain as to what "Aunt Sally's Prosperity Oil" was, I did not have to wait long to find out.

The explanation went like this. If you were to be anointed with this oil, it would mean that you would "receive love, joy, peace, longsuffering, and *money*, and I do mean

money!" Probably most of the hearers missed the mention of the fruits of the Spirit, and only remembered the promise of money. (I think this was the intent of the speaker, anyway.)

It served as another crass reminder that people are looking for the easy way, whether it be in the secular or religious realm. The promise to get rich quick sells millions of books each year. If you were to believe the authors, you could get rich quickly in real estate, gold, silver, copper, antiques or whatever might be suggested. The huckster states that if a depression comes or if inflation continues, there is a way for you to get rich.

There are a lot of easy answers being offered in religion as well. "Aunt Sally's Prosperity Oil" is just one of the thousands of promises extended to the easy-answer listener. He is the person who wants religion and all the benefits that go with it. He is willing to listen to anyone who promises him something for nothing . . . those things that will give him his wishes and let him enjoy life according to his own desires. But we all know it does not work that way.

The Scriptures do tell the way to life, and it is through Jesus Christ. Christ is the way to the Father. Full provisions have been made for each person to be forgiven under the shed blood of Jesus Christ. But the opportunity to be saved does not mean immediate prosperity and ease which our human natures desire. Jesus spoke of opposition from the world and the devil, and the need of complete dedication in our Christian lives. He spoke of cross bearing, and not turning back once we started on the Christian journey.

Oh yes . . . there are blessings, peace, and comfort in the Christian experience. The blessings come from a heart submitted, the peace comes in the midst of tribulation, and the comfort comes when the hurts are being healed. The person who promises that "if you follow Jesus, you will see all the problems disappear," is not to be heeded. Those who promise trouble-free happiness in following God either are deceived or are in the process of deceiving others—maybe both.

So peddlers like Aunt Sally have a way, but it is not *THE WAY*.

reported in the herald

35 Years Ago—1945

"First Impressions," an article by Wayne and Dorothy Beaver, appeared in the *Herald*. It told of their first days in French Equatorial Africa. . . . The Polmans paid a visit to Brethren students at Bob Jones University where there were 32 in attendance, and to Bryan University where 20 students enrolled. . . . Henry Rempel held revival services at Summit Mills, Pennsylvania, where Kenneth Ashman was pastor.

15 Years Ago—1965

Eddie and Linda Mensinger have finished their preparations and are ready to go to Africa as missionaries. . . . Shimer E. Darr was ordained to the ministry at Washington, Pennsylvania. . . . Charles W. Turner, pastor of Rittman, Ohio, Brethren Church, visited the missionary field in Brazil and was present at the Brazilian national conference. He was accompanied by Donald Emch. . . . Thomas Hammers was called to the Development Department at Grace Schools.

5 Years Ago—1975

Coolville, Ohio, dedicates their new church facility. . . . Twenty-one Christian schools are now being operated by churches of the NFBC. . . . Paul Woodruff was ordained to the ministry at Clayton, Ohio.

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letters

Dear Editor,

Page 21 of the October *Herald* caused me great rejoicing. Being an ex-banker and an ex-I.R.S. employee, 5.85 percent on our B.I.F. accounts is good news to me.

At my suggestion, my church will now begin to put a rose on the organ (which has been done in the past) and also a five dollar deposit in a new B.I.F. account for each baby born into our church family.

Perhaps each new life growing up will realize it had a part in Home Missions, and they may have also received at birth the beginning of a Grace College education fund.

My motto is, "Put your money where it belongs—in a B.I.F. account."—Pennsylvania

P.S. I am mounting page 21 on our church bulletin board. I'm sure Mr. Fretz won't mind.

Editor's note: I assure you Mr. Fretz "won't mind." Thanks for the excellent suggestion. What shall I say brethren, "go and do likewise"?



The song writer has written "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. . . ." How well this expresses the attitude of the people in Irasburg, Vermont. What a thrill it was to look out over an overflow audience of 203 people gathered for the dedication of the first Grace Brethren church in the New England States. The day—November 11, 1979.

Rev. Luke Kauffman, pastor of the Myerstown, Pennsylvania, Grace Brethren Church, was the dedicatory speaker bringing a great challenge on "Persistent Prayer" as it relates to church growth. Hearts were thrilled with the vocal solos of Mr. Melvin Tufts, Christian school administrator from the neighboring state of New Hampshire. The students of Grace Christian School blessed the congregation by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." The pastor of the Hatboro, Pennsylvania, Grace Brethren Church, Rev.

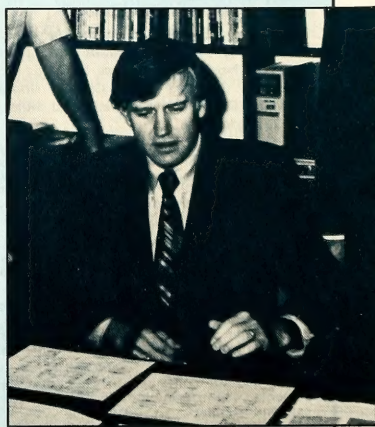
by Pastor John Snow

Warren Tamkin, spoke at the morning worship hour and brought greetings in behalf of district and Brethren Home Missions.

The Grace Brethren Church of Irasburg, Vermont, is now a reality in the hearts and minds of the people in northern Vermont. The church is located at the intersection of Routes 5 and 14, just south of the little village of Coventry. Many cars pass by each day, and people can see the building loftily positioned atop a hill on a 10-acre site.

Construction began on June 11 with the arrival of a huge bulldozer to prepare the footers which would soon be laid. Progress moved rapidly that first week, and it was

**We've
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Pastor Snow reviews the building plans

exciting to see more progress each new day. Volunteers from the church worked as they were able, which contributed a great deal toward alleviating labor costs. A special blessing occurred during the first week of September when seven men plus two couples from the Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, Grace Brethren Church, came to help with the construction. A tremendous amount of work was produced by these dear folks, plus the joy of Christian fellowship during that week. The church members rejoiced to be the recipients of such love and

concern of Brethren people across this Fellowship. Then there was the surprise when four couples from the same church attended the dedication service.

September 17 was set as the date for the opening of Grace Christian School for grades kindergarten through eighth which was to utilize the classrooms. The workers labored hard to complete that phase for the opening of school. Then on October 7 the worship center was ready for the first worship service. Again hard work by the excellent contractor, Mr. Eugene Webster (who is also a

member of the church) made it possible for the group to finally move from the temporary meeting quarters at the Irasburg Elementary School. There were 85 people attending that first service and in the evening service there were 107 present to observe the first baptismal service. Twelve people entered the waters of baptism along with seven from the new work begun by Pastor Jim Hunt in Island Pond, Vermont.

Finally, November 11 was set as the dedication Sunday and the people prayed and planned for a great day. And what a great day it was!

The building in progress



"To God Be the Glory" was the opening hymn, which expressed so well the heartbeat of the group in Vermont. After the greeting from Mr. Tamkin, Mr. Tufts sang "God Is My Refuge" which was most appropriate for the occasion. The many letters of greetings were shared from churches in the Fellowship. After the prayer of dedication, Mr. Tufts sang "Bless This Church"—a tremendous tribute to the purpose of the gathering together.

The Grace Brethren Church of Irasburg has a beautiful, functional building—4,230 square feet to be used for the

glory of God. Special thanks goes to the excellent workmanship and oversight of Mr. Webster who was extra careful to make sure everything was done right. In the expression of that appreciation, he was presented with a plaque which read: "In appreciation to Mr. Eugene Webster, III, of Cole and Webster, Inc., for the excellent superintendency of the building of the Grace Brethren Church, Irasburg, Vermont."

Now that dedication is over and the people have gone home, the church members are faced with the new challenges and goals before them. There

are many desperate people who need the message of the Gospel. A portion of their covenant of dedication reads: "We dedicate this building to be a lighthouse in this community for the defense of righteousness, for the rebuke of sin, and to be a bulwark of the faith."

Surely, "We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in His holy Word; He's never failed us yet." The congregation in Irasburg is confident that God has a great future in store for them in northern Vermont. Their thanks go out to the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board and Brethren Home Missions for their excellent support during this project. As one of the members so aptly put it, "It's great to be a Christian and it is also great to be with the Brethren."



There's snow in Vermont! Rev. Luke Kauffman and Rev. Jim Hunt join Pastor Snow for dedication services.



1980

new resolutions . . .
new beginnings . . .
new changes . . .
new opportunities . . .

What about your new commitments to God?

Think about it. Are you really going to stick to them?

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change lives.

bring families together.

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The Accountant's Corner

What is Better Than \$387.50 an Ounce?

by Larry N. Chamberlain

The day I am writing this article, \$387.50 per ounce is the price of gold as reported in the *Wall Street Journal*. Last year on this day the price was \$211.30 per ounce. The futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade reported selling one-year gold futures at \$441.80. Over a two-year span, therefore, gold is expected to more than double in price! That's not a bad profit, is it?

Let me direct your attention to two verses in Proverbs, the third chapter, verses 13 and 14 (NASB). In the light of the skyrocketing market of gold, the lesson taught in this text is even more dramatic:

How blessed is the man who finds wisdom,
And the man who gains understanding.
For its profit is better than the profit of silver,
And its gain than fine gold.

And, for a definition of terms, look at the ninth chapter, verse 10:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Tell your local banker sometime that you have a sure-fire way to "beat the market." It may lead to an interesting conversation.

A Big God Produces Big Goals

Pray for:

1. Ten men to respond to Pastor Baer's discipleship efforts.
2. Resulting fruit from Sam's visitation ministry.
3. Fifty-two decisions by July 1980.
4. A Self-supporting status by October 1, 1980!

"We need to start wading out into the deep and begin trusting God to help us go self-supporting!" That statement, made by a lay member, summarizes the desire of the Dryhill Grace Brethren Chapel, Dryhill, Kentucky.

In a November business meet-

ing, the Dryhill congregation unanimously voted to assume a 10 percent monthly increase in the church's financial support of their pastor, Rev. Sam Baer. Beginning with the month of December and increasing their support level by 10 percent each month, the Dryhill

brethren anticipate fully supporting their pastor by September 30, 1980. Upon reaching that goal, the church would then assume all other expenses becoming self-supporting in the month of October.

Is self-support by October 1, 1980, possible? No, it's *impossible!* And Pastor Baer is first to emphasize that, but he is quick to ask: "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Claiming Genesis 18:14, these committed believers are trusting their God for the impossible.

Recognizing that trust alone is not enough, intermediate goals give this church some definite direction. Fifty-two decisions for Christ and 26 baptisms by July 1980, in addition to the effective discipleship of 10 men, are some of the "stepping-stones" to self-support.

Aggressively seeking these goals, the Dryhill believers have witnessed 16 decisions and 6 baptisms with at least 5 more baptisms coming soon (reporting from July 1 through November 31). Also reported in November was a new record in Sunday school growth. Receiving the October Sunday school banner for first place in Division "J" was a "first-time-ever" event, according to Pastor Baer.

The "road" to self-support will not be an easy one to follow for the Dryhill Chapel. Rated as the oldest Home Missions church, the Chapel will have some tremendous financial barriers to overcome. But convinced that their God is bigger than the obstacles, the Dryhill brethren are looking forward to a self-supporting future.

Faithful Men – Able to Teach

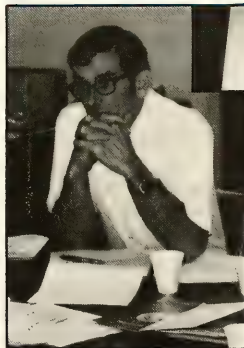


Above: Mike Ostrander, national director of Grace Brethren Boys; and Harold Hollinger, national men's president, instructing a group of men in how to communicate spiritual truths to boys

Far right: A group of men learning principles that will assist them in coping with the problem boys in their units

Right: Nick Jacobs, commander of our Grace Brethren Boys unit in East Columbus, Ohio, contemplating some of the instruction being presented at the North Central Ohio Leadership Training Seminar

Others



*Grace Brethren Boys –
equipping men to effectively minister to boys.*

In attempting to make this a reality, Grace Brethren Boys has been working closely with a number of churches in sponsoring Leadership Training Seminars for those men who are involved in a ministry to boys on the local level. To date, these Friday evening through Saturday afternoon workshops have been presented to about 150 men in 6 districts. Anyone who wants to minister to boys is welcome to attend. In fact, we have even had delegations from 2 other denominational groups attend our workshops!

The five major areas of instruction that were covered are as follows:

I. PLANNING YOUR CALENDAR

1. How to plan your yearly program
2. How to develop your agenda for the month
3. How to develop a resource pool of men
4. How to prepare for your weekly meetings

II. COMMUNICATING SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

1. Using the Word of God
2. Establishing the authority of God
3. Using the devotions in the *Chopping Block*
4. Use of tangible items and object lessons
5. Making the devotionals *yours*

III. LEADING A BOY TO CHRIST

1. Involving the boy in the plan of salvation
2. Using the Gospel Hand to reach boys
3. Using the Wordless Book to reach boys
4. Giving the boy assurance of salvation
5. Teaching daily cleansing from sin

IV. COPING WITH THE DISCIPLINE PROBLEM

1. Root cause or symptom of problems
2. The basic reason for their misbehavior
3. The basic need for love
4. Turn the problem boy into a prodigy

V. STAYING ON TARGET

1. Defining your goals
2. Developing a workable strategy

From the reports we are receiving in our office, God has been using this training to meet a definite need. It's exciting to hear what God is accomplishing through these men as they go back to their units and put this instruction to work. Boys are being saved. Units are taking on a new sense of direction and purpose. Men who were discouraged or defeated are finding a new enthusiasm.

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news report

From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and the Evangelical Press Association

□ On October 17, 1979, members of the Grace Brethren Church, Davenport, Iowa, voted to become independent of all financial assistance from the Brethren Home Missions Council, as of January 1, 1980. M. Lee Myers, pastor.

□ The Bethel Brethren Church of Osceola, Ind., gathered together on Nov. 11, 1979, for a groundbreaking service for new church facilities. This is the beginning of a half-million dollar project, which will include a Christian Education building for Sunday school and day school classes. Ward Miller, pastor.

□ Effective Feb. 2, is the resignation of Rolland G. Coburn, from the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church, Santa Maria, Calif.

□ A sudden explosion and fire at his place of business took the life of Roger Ward recently. He was featured in the Christian Education pages of December's *Herald* because of his "going the second-mile" to minister to the 1979 Operation Barnabas Team (West).

He went home to be with the Lord following almost 2 weeks of hospitalization with 80 percent of his body burned. Three other employees were also burned and at this writing remain in intensive care.

Roger was very active in the Norwalk, Calif., Grace Brethren Church.

□ The senior high youth ministry team from the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind., ministered in the Lake Odessa Grace Brethren Church in Michigan, Nov. 10 and 11. Their ministry included calling in the community; presenting "The Backpacker's Suite" on Saturday night with slides, songs and skits, puppetry; taking charge of the Sunday school hour; and participating in various ways in the morning service. Directors of the group are Dave and Susie Hobert, missionary appointees to France. Bill Stevens, pastor.

□ Richard and Sheryl Coburn have resigned from missionary service in Argentina due to health problems. For the present, they are making their home in Natalia, Texas.

□ Art Sprunger was ordained into the ministry on Friday, Oct. 26, at Sterling, Ohio. The service was conducted in the beautiful, new sanctuary of the Sterling Grace Brethren Church. The ministers present were: Jake Kliever, Bob Combs, Ken Ashman, Stan Nairn, Bob Russell and Richard Grant. The challenge was brought by Bill Tweeddale, who had disciplined Art Sprunger into the Brethren ministry when Mr. Tweeddale was pastor at Lancaster, Pa.



The ordination of Art Sprunger at Sterling, Ohio

change your annual

The Berrien Springs, Mich., church no longer has a telephone. Also, the church secretary is Mrs. Marion Becker, 100 Niles Ave., Lot 62, Berrien Springs, Mich. 49103 (Tel. 616/471-9579).

marriages

Hearty congratulations to, and may God's blessings rest always upon, these new families who join the *Brethren Missionary Herald* readership. A six-month free subscription to the *Herald* is given to newlyweds whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Chris Kalb and Dan Balmer, March 3, Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa.

Ramona and Joseph Steckman, May 12, Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Carol Shelly and Phil Allebach, June 9, Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa.

Cynthia and Greg Shaeffer, June 23, Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Sandra Weik and Brian Brightbill, Aug. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.
 Sharon Alfonso and Henry Delgadillo, Sept. 8, Bellflower Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.
 Joann Freed and Tom Kern, Sept. 8, Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa.
 Coleen and Bob Nedimyer, Sept. 9, Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Ariz.
 Gini Brightbill and Michael Fetzer, Sept. 15, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.
 Dorris and George Lilley, Oct. 25, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

meetings

Dr. Robert B. Collitt, Stewardship Counselor for the Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service, will be speaking at the following Grace Brethren churches:
 Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 6-9, Curtis Stroman, pastor.
 Grace Brethren Church, Winchester, Va., Jan. 13-16, Paul Dick, pastor.
 First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va., Jan. 20-23, Lester Kennedy, pastor.
 Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. Jan. 27-30, Kenneth Teague, pastor.
 Washington, Heights Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., Feb. 3-6, Fred Devan, pastor.
 Boones Mill Grace Brethren Church, Boones Mill, Va., Feb. 10-13, J. Donald Abshire, pastor.
 Garden City Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., Feb. 24-27, Richard Harstine, pastor.
 Gospel Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., March 2-5, Calvin Fulton, pastor.
 Wildwood Grace Brethren Church, Salem, Va., March 9-12.
 Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church, Radford, Va., March 23-26, A. Harold Arrington, pastor.

deaths

Notices in this column must be submitted in writing by the pastor.

ALTFATHER, Aletha, 47, Nov. 15, member of the West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio. Sister of Robert Holmes, pastor.
FULKERSON, David, Oct. 27, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk; Calif. Nickolas Kurtenack, pastor.
GREGORY, Myrtle, 63, Oct. 13, member of the Rosemont Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va. R. Donald Weltmer, pastor.
HELM, Mary Lou, 47, Oct. 30, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

JAMES, Anna, 77, Nov. 19, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

STEFFLER, Harriet, 78, October 13, 1979, widow of Rev. William Steffler. She and her husband had faithfully served three Brethren churches for a number of years—Hatboro, Pa., Philadelphia, Pa. (Third), and Dayton, Ohio (First). The memorial service was conducted by Rev. Alan Mangum, assisted by Rev. Roger Wambold and Rev. Warren Tamkin.

WARREN, Kenneth, Sept. 5, Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa. Shimer Darr, pastor.



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The Birth of a Church

Bringing a newborn child into this world is a process full of joys mixed with sorrows, pleasure with pain, and hopes with sacrifices. The pangs of birth are intense, breath-arresting, agonizing. They intensify and multiply as the time nears for the womb-nurtured infant to emerge into independent existence.

As he contemplated the efforts which brought forth churches in the province of Galatia, the Apostle Paul described the process in terms of the travail of childbirth. What a relief when there is visible, lovable proof and assurance that the efforts were not in vain, for there is a new life that will perpetuate itself.

The team of Brethren missionaries in Uberlandia are still suffering the pangs of labor in birth. We have been laboring in this city for almost five years. God has brought us into contact with people of divergent backgrounds, occupations, religious beliefs, prejudices, hang-ups, and sins. They are wonderful, gracious,

friendly people; people who accept us into their homes and, though they may observe us for a while (wondering why we really have come to their city, their neighborhood, and their homes), they do give us a chance to prove ourselves, to show that we are not here to exploit or deceive them.

During these five years of ministry, God has put us in contact with more than 80 families. We have met them in various circumstances: the casual contact of neighbors, at birthday parties, PTA meetings, through mutual acquaintances, in the hardware store, and at places of recreation. In many different ways, God has brought us into contact with people who need our Saviour. He has given us some Christian friends who have shown interest in our work and have helped to "break the ice" with their friends and relatives who need Christ.

It sounds easy, doesn't it, to build a church under such circum-

stances? In reality, we have encountered several barriers to the birth of a Brethren church in Uberlandia. We would like to share some of them with you so that you can help us in the life and death struggle to bring forth the first Grace Brethren church in southern Brazil.

Prior Commitments

We are meeting people, not in a vacuum, but in a whirlwind of responsibilities, social involvements, relationships, and weekend activities. The middle-class Brazilian has a very natural reticence to become involved in a religious movement which threatens to alter his life style, and especially his weekend activities. This has been a barrier with many, particularly men, who work hard all week and want the weekend to themselves.

Religious Background

The middle-class Brazilian is slow to accept change, especially in his religious life. Even though his



Above: The missionary "partners" in Uberlandia pause to pray

Opposite page: Our missionary families ministering in Uberlandia, Brazil, are: (left to right) Barbara Hulse; Heidi, Norm, Joseph, and Cleo Johnson; Jay, Sandy, Jonathan, Tim, and Jeffrey Farner

religion is little more than a shield to turn away any challenge to the object of his faith, he uses it skillfully to resist direct attempts to change his ideas. He is aware of the dozens of sects that are bending the minds of his more vulnerable and gullible compatriots. He is well-read, sees himself as well-educated, and is generally universalistic in his approach to religion. In fact, he sees religion largely as a cultural phenomenon, not a supra-cultural faith which requires a personal relationship to God, and, therefore, he sees no need to change.

Immunization

The "evangelical" church is growing at a rapid rate in Brazil, notably among the lower classes. There are some good, sound, biblical local churches in all strata of society. Unfortunately, a large portion of church growth tends towards fanaticism, superstition, legalism, and excesses. Because of this, we have noted a strong predisposition

against "believers." This takes time to overcome. We avoid the methods which would identify us with "fanatics." Time is needed to demonstrate that Bible Christianity really works in the twentieth century Brazil. We have tried to develop a sensitivity to how people are reacting to our message as we start, piece by piece, to explain the faith that God has revealed in His Word.

Image

It is difficult to pioneer a work in an area where your movement is totally unknown. Even among Christians who are looking for something which can better meet the spiritual needs of their homes, there is a tremendous hesitation to make a commitment to a church which doesn't have a single congregation in all of southern Brazil. The only way people will become totally committed is by receiving the kind of ministry and spiritual help that makes a vital difference in their homes. When God begins to

really help people through us, a good image is constructed which takes away the reticence to get involved. We are working at this, but it is time-consuming, exhausting work in which time is never our own. We have to be available.

The Cross

The greatest of all obstacles to commitment to building a Brethren church in Uberlandia is the cross of Jesus Christ. This sounds ludicrous, but it has always been that way. Modern prophets, gurus, mediums, philosophers, and healers are capturing the masses. Even among middle-class Brazilians, Oriental, European, and African religions and philosophies are luring people into their trap. But somehow the cross is an offense. They think that it has been tried before and that it produces fanaticism, ignorance, and intolerance. They think it is too narrow, too demanding. Truly the god of this world is blinding the understanding of unbelievers so

The Hennings (now with three children) have finally been granted their permanent visas. Physical problems will delay their departure, however. Pray that Mark, Janette, Heather, Ryan, and Melissa will be able to join the Uberlandia team by June of 1980.



that they cannot or will not allow the glorious image of God to shine from the Son. It is not the crucifix on the wall or in the front of the church that offends. Nor is it the good luck charm that hangs around the neck. These crosses are everywhere. The thing that offends is having to abandon all other confidences, all other allegiances. It is hard to admit that you are wrong, that you really can do nothing to save yourself. It is offensive to have to come to the foot of the cross of the creator of the universe, to come empty-handed and accept His sacrifice and His lordship.

The Brethren work in Uberlandia, in its gestation stage, is beginning to feel the pangs of pressure in the urgency of bringing the church into existence. We see possibilities in this coming year, but it is going to take God's power in many lives to accomplish this. Christians need total commitment. Unsaved friends need to come to the end of self-sufficiency, indiffer-

ence, and pride. No one but God can order the circumstances which bring people to the end of their quest for wealth, entertainment, statues, and pleasure. They need to see that these things do not bring true happiness, satisfaction, or meaning to life.

This coming year we are planning a more aggressive program of bringing people into contact with the church program. We are recruiting the Christians who are dedicated to this cause for a more meaningful and total involvement in reaching their friends, relatives, and neighbors for Christ. We sense that several of the individuals who are involved in the group are also feeling the pangs and anxiousness of bringing forth the church here in Uberlandia. We are expecting God to give that surge of growth and commitment that will make this possible.

We also want to recruit you, our brethren in the U.S., to a greater commitment to our work in sup-

port and prayer. Your prayers have helped us come through times of pain and discouragement. Your prayers have produced fruit in the lives of several individuals, some who have come to Christ and others who have grown in the Lord. Your prayers will make a difference in the lives of those who are still indifferent. Prayer will open the door of opportunity into the lives of new people for witness to the Gospel.

We also remind you that the effort here in Uberlandia represents only the beginning of our mission here in southern Brazil. As the decade of the 80's gets underway, we will be looking toward other cities. We are going to need several couples who are willing to give themselves to the pioneer ministry of church planting. It is hard, painful and sacrificial work. But there is no greater or more satisfying work in this world than the bringing forth of new congregations of the Church of Jesus Christ into this world!

Missions During the Great Tribulation

by John W. Zielasko

The Scriptures do not teach that this age (Age of the Church) will end in a blaze of unprecedented victory for Christianity. In fact, our Lord Himself taught that toward the end of the age things would get worse, not better. In Matthew 24, we are told of: religious deceit (v. 5); wars (v. 6); famines and earthquakes (v. 7); betrayals (v. 10); false prophets (v. 11); lawlessness (v. 12); lack of human compassion (v. 12); and persecution (v. 13).

In the second Psalm, God lifts the veil of future history and shows us the nations gathered in battle array against the Lord.

All of this refutes any concept that has Christianity conquering the world through the preaching of the Gospel. Only direct intervention by the Lord Himself will bring the long awaited kingdom (see Dan. 2:44).

Prior to the setting up of His Kingdom, the world, and especially the nation of Israel, passes through a time of tribulation (see Matt. 24:21). The question that is of interest to the present discussion is as follows: if the Church is raptured before the Tribulation, will there be any missionary activity following the Rapture?

The Scriptures teach not only that there will be missionary activity during the Tribulation Period but also that there will be an even greater number set aside for this task than is presently sent out by today's Church. However, they are not Christian but rather Jewish missionaries numbering 144,000.

Concerning this missionary program, the following observations need to be considered:

1) Jesus said, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then shall the end come" (Matt.

24:14). This verse does not refer to the gospel of the grace of God, and thus should not be used as a proof text for Christian missionary activity in this age.

2) The program will be carried out in the midst of great opposition and persecution. "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and will kill you; and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name" (Matt. 24:9). Also, see Revelation 6:9-11.

3) The program is conducted in the midst of great deceit, "and many false prophets will arise and will mislead many" (Matt. 24:11).

4) The program begins with the ministry of two witnesses: "And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth" (Rev. 11:3).

The two witnesses will kill, torment, deal out fiery judgments upon their enemies. Not a single servant of Christ in this present age is granted such privileges and prerogatives... what they do will be divinely authorized and will characterize the ministry of that day. In the overall picture, the engagements of God's servants in that period will be largely a rerun of John the Baptist's testimony "Make straight the way of the Lord" (John 1:23)¹

5) The message of this program is not to be confused with the gospel of the Church Age.

a) It is the gospel of the Kingdom (see Matt. 24:14).

We are justified in believing that the church age is a parenthesis in the divine economy, located between the 69th week of Daniel and the 70th and the emphasis of the tribulational preaching will be a continuation or resumption of what John the Baptist began, mainly, "Repent for the kingdom is at hand." It will be the gospel of the kingdom. Thus, the propagation test would

seem to obviate the possibility of the church preaching its gospel of grace in that period.²

b) The witnesses will point to Jesus as the Messiah, the Lord of Lords: "You will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them" (Mark 13:9); "and you will be hated by all on account of My name" (Matt. 24:9).

c) The witnesses will be given the words to speak by the Holy Spirit: "And when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not be anxious beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit" (Mark 13:11).

d) They will condemn sin, lewdness, and immortality. This is inferred from Revelation 11:10: "And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth."

e) The message is accompanied by miraculous signs:

And if any one desires to harm them, fire proceeds out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and if any one would desire to harm them, in this manner he must be killed. These have the power to shut up the sky, in order that rain may not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they desire (Rev. 11:5-6).

6) The ministry of the two witnesses results in the ordaining of a select body of Jewish missionaries. "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads" (Rev. 7:3).

The only servants commissioned in Daniel's 70th Week of which we have knowledge are 144,000 Israelites sealed with the authority of the living God (see Rev. 7:2); that they will preach to unevangelized Gentiles as well as Jews is crystal clear for after revealing their commissioning, John sees multitudes of "every nation . . . standing before the throne" (Rev. 7:9).³

7) This body of missionaries takes the message to all nations: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come" (Matt. 24:14). This is fulfilled in Revelation 7:9:

"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed

in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands." One of the elders answers his own question as to the identity of this great multitude by telling the Apostle John: "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:14).

8) The Tribulation closes with considerable missionary activity on the part of the Jews converted during that dreadful period.

Isaiah speaks of the nations gathered in enmity against Jerusalem: "For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory" (Isaiah 66:18). This is, no doubt, the same event described by Joel (see Joel 3:9) and by Christ (see Luke 21:20). In such a time of chaos and persecution, one would not expect a missionary enterprise to flourish, but it does.

9) The ministry of these missionaries bears much fruit. Dr. John F. Walvoord speaks of this group when he writes,

In the days of the awful tribulation of Israel, in which their ancient worship is once more prescribed and all natural Jews become the objects of persecution, there will undoubtedly be many more of Israel brought to Christ through the personal work of those previously saved. While many of the Gentiles will also be brought to Christ (see Rev. 7:9, 14), this period will be a special time for Jewish evangelism and it will be climaxed by the outpouring of the Spirit of God as a preparation of the return of Christ.⁴

Thus Israel finally does fulfill her missionary responsibility.

It is at this point that missions, in the sense of going out with the message to bring people to a knowledge of God, ceases. There is no further need for missionary activity because all will know Him (see Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:11-12). The prophecy of Psalm 72 will be fulfilled: "And let all kings bow down before Him; all nations serve Him" (72:11); "And may the whole earth be filled with His glory" (Ps. 72:19).

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

(Scripture quotations are from the NASB)

¹S. Franklin Logsdon, *Profiles of Prophecy* (Wheaton, Ill.: 1964), p. 45.

²*Ibid.*

³*Ibid.*

⁴John F. Walvoord, *The Return of the Lord* (Findlay, Ohio: Dunham Publishing Company, 1955), p. 100.

Short Term Service:



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is it Worth it?

by Nora Macon
with Tom Betcher

Have you ever wondered what it's really like being a TIME (Training In Missionary Endeavor) missionary? Is it really profitable for a young adult to take a summer or a year to minister in a foreign country? What could anybody learn in that short time? What's it like living with Mildred and Mitchell Missionary?

I talked to Tom Betcher about that exact subject—what it's like to be a TIME missionary. Tom went to Argentina for three months

during the summer of 1979. He and five other TIMEers (3 girls and 3 guys altogether) came from different parts of the U.S. and served together as a team.

"I heard about TIME in my home church in Columbus, Ohio, from other team members coming back and reporting about their experiences. I had been interested in missions, so this sounded pretty good."

Only one problem: it was long past time to apply. Desiring to go to Alaska, Tom decided he better talk to someone about it. Rev. Ed Jackson, pastor of the church in

Kenai, Alaska, just happened to be in town in February. When he began to discuss his plans with Mr. Jackson, Tom was told there were openings in the team for Argentina. Tom wasn't exactly thrilled, but he talked to Ed Lewis about it anyway. God was leading.

Suddenly things began to happen. The Christian Ed Department was enthusiastic and encouraged him to apply for Argentina. It was a definite change from Alaska. But because he had learned Spanish in college ("sort of") and had one year of seminary behind him, the Christian Ed



The team enjoyed singing and ...

Department and Brethren Foreign Missions thought he'd be great as the leader!

"I was interested in home and foreign missions and wanted to see how they worked. But I had mixed emotions about going to Argentina."

The Lord supplied all of his financial needs. "I had about three months to raise my support of over \$2,000, but I had no trouble getting it. And during this time I learned the meaning of Proverbs 3:5-6. God was faithful and He worked!"

On June 13, Tom and team members, Denise Hammond, Carol Henry, Peggy Pollo, Mark Summers, and Scott Shaffer, took off for Argentina. After their arrival it took them a while to realize they were in another country. Buenos Aires is a large, modern city. About the only thing that was different, besides the language, was the driving and layout of the city. Everything was very crowded together.

Tom has a very vivid memory of an episode that happened to him at the airport when they first arrived. "After getting off the plane, we went to get our luggage. In Argentina they provide carts for

Members of the 1979 TIME team to Argentina are (front, left to right): Carol Henry, Tom Betcher, Peggy Pollo, Denise Hammond; (back) Mark Summers and Scott Shaffer.



people to use in getting their suitcases. I noticed everyone getting these carts so I thought we'd better get some, too."

Just as Tom started over to get a cart, the whole crowd of people at the luggage area turned and headed right at him with the carts. The noise created by the carts on the floor constructed of raised bubbles plus two hundred or so people rushing directly toward him made Tom change his mind and wait. "It was almost like a panic!"

When I asked Tom what some of the differences are between American and Argentine youth, he seemed to think that basically they are alike. The difference in cultures explains the difference in actions and in the way of doing things.

But they still love to have fun! One of Tom's most embarrassing moments came after he had lost a

game with a group of young people. The loser must give something valuable to the winners. In order to get the item back, the loser has to do a stunt the others choose. Tom's stunt was to drop an inkpen in a bottle. Sounds easy. The trick was that the inkpen was tied to the top of the back of Tom's blue jeans. He had to stoop and try to get the pen in the bottle without being able to see either the bottle or the pen. That got a little embarrassing when he couldn't get it in.

Before the team left for Argentina they had discussed what they would like to do. One of their desires was "to establish friendships, and we did. We were able to encourage the people and they could encourage us. Now that we're home, we have the task of writing letters to all the friends we



made!"

The schedule on the field was busy. The team visited the various mission points and missionaries. Ministering in at least three services a week (sometimes four or five), the guys had four or five sermons on practical Christian living that they shared, and the whole team sang in Spanish. Lots of testimonies and music were included in each service: saxophone, guitar, piano, and singing.

A special treat for the folks there was puppet-type puppets. Spanish sound tracks were used and the puppets sang and talked about God's love. These puppets were left in Argentina for the churches to use.

But that's not all these TIMEers did. "We painted and fixed odds and ends," Tom revealed. They also had the opportunity to go visiting with the missionaries and to take part in two communion services.

And would you believe they still had time for some sightseeing? The group packed their bags and took off to the Andes Mountains for a few days of fun and relaxation.

I began to wonder, while talking to Tom, how they communicated while doing all this. Tom informed me that they had little trouble understanding or being understood.

"Most of the time there was a translator around. But if not, we could usually come up with enough Spanish between the six of us to communicate. We would talk to the people in broken Spanish and they'd answer us in broken English!"

Sometimes the team's use of Spanish would prove to be embarrassing. One day while the group was traveling by train from Buenos



... sharing testimonies with the Argentine people.

Aires to Rosario, one of the team members had to use the restroom. She left their compartment and wandered down the train, searching. Finally she saw a porter and said what she thought to be, "Where is the bathroom?" The porter smiled broadly and pointed further down the way. She thanked him and continued down the hall. She still couldn't find it! Spotting another porter she asked him, "Where is the bathroom?" This porter chuckled and led her to it. Later, safely back with the other team members, she related the story to them. The others burst out laughing. All the time she thought she had been asking *where* the bathroom was, she had actually been saying, "What is a bathroom?" When the nationals heard this story at Youth Camp, they began kidding her and wanting to discuss, "What is a bathroom and other philosophical questions."

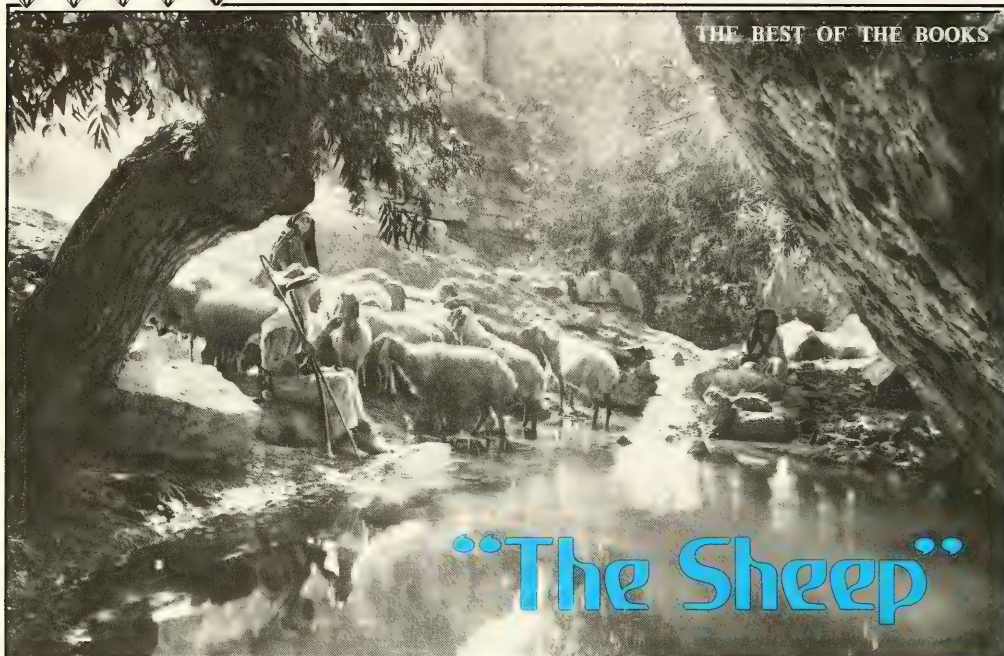
The TIMEers had a lot of contact with the Argentine people. They often ate in their homes. Each family would fix a large, delicious meal, and the team would leave feeling stuffed. Sometimes this happened four times a day. But it showed how warm, generous, and friendly the people were.

Argentines need Jesus Christ

just like anyone else. Tom mentioned that these folks have the same needs as people in the U.S. The Christians need to be firmly grounded in God's Word. But they also need national leaders to teach them. And more missionaries to help.

When asked to sum up his experiences in Argentina, Tom thoughtfully replied. "It took a lot out of us and was a lot of hard work. But, then, anything worthwhile has a price. The benefits I've reaped have far outweighed the sacrifices. I truly appreciated the opportunity made available to me. God has really used it in my life and will for years to come. I'd love to go back someday as a missionary."

What did he learn? "God is the same and works the same around the world. My ministry with TIME deepened my walk with the Lord. If nothing else, this made the experience worthwhile. I have a deepened commitment to God and to missions. Seeing what happens made me more sensitive and aware of missions. I would recommend TIME for anyone going into Christian service. Even if you're not interested in missions, I'd say go with TIME. It'll change your life."



... a chapter from The Perfect Shepherd by John J. Davis

It occurred to me one day while standing in front of a college class of 125 students in Old Testament History that I should ask whether or not anyone had had direct encounter with sheep, or knew much about them. The responses were interesting and startling. Only three out of that group had ever had any amount of contact with living sheep.

One student responded, "My principal acquaintance with sheep is traced to childhood, when I was forced to master 'Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep.'" Another observation made it clear that we had some basic work to do before examining sheep and shepherd relationships in the Psalter . . . "Well, I never did know a whole lot about living sheep, but I do remember that we always got mint jelly when they served lamb chops . . . is that significant?"

I'd like to think that those freshman responses were something less than ordinary. However, in subsequent years, I have encountered some wondrous and strange tales concerning Palestinian sheep and their nature! The views of these folk range from a very romanticized view of sheep to a very dismal appraisal

of their character and capability.

More recent writers have expressed less than lofty sentiment concerning the sheep. Ray C. Stedman in *Folk Psalms of Faith* states:

It occurs to me that if Jehovah is to be our Shepherd, then we have to begin by recognizing that we are sheep. I don't like that analogy, frankly, because I don't like sheep. I come by my dislike honestly. I used to raise sheep. In high school I was in the 4-H Club, and I had a herd of sheep and goats. Goats I can abide, because they may be obnoxious, but at least they're smart. Sheep are, beyond question, the most stupid animals on the face of the earth. They are dumb and they are dirty and they are timid and defenseless and helpless. Mine were always getting lost and hurt and snakebitten. They literally do not know enough to come in out of the rain. I look back on my shepherding days with a great deal of disgust. Sheep are miserable creatures.

Now if that doesn't put steam on your stained glass image of these tender little creatures, read this

statement by Stuart Briscoe in *What Works When Life Doesn't*:

... I do not doubt that it would be hard to find more stupid animals than sheep. For some reason, sheep have a remarkable aptitude for getting lost. They can be perfectly at home in a pleasant pasture, until one revolutionary spirit among them finds a hole in the fence. In less time than it takes to tell, they will desert the grass and head for the hole. In five minutes flat there won't be a sheep in the pasture and there will be hundreds on the road. Honking horns, bleating lambs, screeching tires, baaing ewes turned the quiet countryside into bedlam. All because some sheep decided to go astray, leading many others after it.

While sheep will not win awards for courage, stamina or fighting ability, I doubt that they would qualify for the world's dumbest animals, although they do run a close second. I once used to do a great deal of horseback riding and I think I mounted an animal that walked away with *that* award. However, sheep are mentioned more than 500 times in Scripture and that very fact should call attention to their significance.

I. THE CHARACTER OF SHEEP

The Scripture reminds all of us that "... we like sheep have gone astray ..." (Isa. 53:6). That statement is not a superficial observation, but represents very accurately the disposition of sheep. While sheep are harmless, they do have a strange curiosity that causes them to wander, get lost and sometimes lose their lives in the process. Scripture many times makes allusion to this weakness (cf. Matt. 10:6; 1 Peter 2:25). When sheep are without a shepherd, they are the most helpless of creatures, according to Numbers 27:17 and Matthew 9:36.

It was interesting to watch the mood and the activity of sheep in the hills of Judah. On one day in particular, I sat with Mohammad Yaseen and watched the behavior of various sheep and goats. An extended stay in this pasture area afforded me special opportunity to note the great variety of behavior patterns of sheep in particular. As I observed their change in mood and activity, I was able to discern precise parallels with members of my congregations in past years.

There were those sheep who remained with the flock and enjoyed the benefits of a selected pasture. But then there were those sometimes very young, sometimes old ewes who consistently wandered away from the flock, even though their newfound grass was of inferior quality. In fact, I found myself utterly amazed at the shabby herbage that would often attract the attention of sheep.

Then there were the belligerent rams or ewes that would predictably cause unrest in the flock. On one occasion, I sat and watched a couple of old ewes fight with each other over a small tuft of grass which they both desired. I found such a fight incredible, because all around them was an abundant supply of very tender grass and herbs. Watching them tussle brought my mind back to the indictment of James, "From whence comes wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" (4:1). I found it amazing that these two animals would fight over this one small portion of food when the whole pasture was theirs. I've often wondered how many of God's people are preoccupied with bitter infightings while standing knee-deep in God's richest provisions! It is with a sense of shame and disgrace that we see many undernourished Christians—not because of the Shepherd's failure to provide, but because of their preoccupation with their own selfish desires.

Some sheep were very tender and sensitive, nudging their way to the shepherd and remaining close to him as if expecting some special favor. Other sheep, which I designated as the "explorers," were generally few in number, but insisted on moving out of the designated pasture and looking elsewhere. On one occasion, a lamb decided to select its own feeding area and found itself ultimately perched on the edge of a 500-foot cliff which we could not approach because of the fragile nature of the rock. The path leading to this place appeared secure enough, but the end of it was dangerous indeed. The writer of Proverbs stated it succinctly, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (14:12; see also 16:25).

Some sheep were very oblivious to their circumstances. These sheep would chomp away at the vegetation, oftentimes unaware of dangers around them, or even a boulder in front of them. One old ewe, in particular, constantly bumped her head or scraped her leg through this lack of circumstantial sensitivity.

Sheep provide a variety of sounds, depending on their particular circumstances. The bleating sound, however, is the most common and expected. It can be a very pitiful cry—and yet there are times when the lamb or sheep will stand silent when the danger is the greatest. I have seen a sheep stand absolutely quiet and apparently numb as the knife fell bringing about its death (Isa. 53:7). It was the bleating of the sheep that produced a great embarrassment to King Saul after he failed to carry out the command of God with regard to the annihilation of the Amalekites (1 Sam. 15:14).

We would all like to think that, as believers, we are

prepared to challenge and defeat all the forces 'round about us. I suspect it is a bit disconcerting to realize that, after all, we are but redeemed sheep. It is this realization that causes us to rest in the care of our Shepherd. Scripture reminds us that Satan walks about as a "roaring lion" (1 Peter 5:8) and you just know that he has lamb chops on his mind! It is incumbent upon everyone of us to be close to our Shepherd, who knows the enemy and provides the defenses for His own. The danger to the flock does not always come from without, however, for we are warned that false prophets parade in sheep's clothing (Matt. 7:15). The Lord Jesus also told His own disciples that He was sending them forth "... as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matt. 10:16). This outlook is not designed to produce fear and insecurity among those who would serve Him, but is a realistic warning of the vicious hatred that they would encounter. He encouraged them with these words, "But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak" (Matt. 10:19).

The lessons from the flock and the sheep are therefore inexhaustible. I have observed how well-fed sheep showed considerable strength in long journeys; but those weak and thin animals, which for a variety of reasons did not utilize the food provided, struggled in the journey. Perhaps the saddest scene of all was the bones in the desert. Time and time again while walking across the barren wilderness, I have seen the skeletal remains of a sheep or a goat that wandered off and died in the desert. This was a dramatic picture of the desperate need for leadership by the shepherd.

II. SIZE AND NATURE OF THE FLOCKS

It is often supposed that the Palestinian flock is rather small, but this was not the case in Old Testament times, nor is it always the situation today. Job, for example, had 14,000 sheep in his flocks (cf. Job 42:12). The rich man Nabal had 3,000 sheep and 1,000 goats (cf. 1 Sam. 25:2). Solomon must have had vast numbers of sheep at his disposal since he was able to sacrifice 120,000 at the dedication of the temple (cf. 1 Kings 8:63). The Arabians are said to have brought 7,700 rams and 7,000 he-goats to Jehoshaphat for a tribute (cf. 2 Chron. 17:11). Such flocks would require several undershepherds to properly count them and care for them. Normally, there were not a great number of rams in a flock. For breeding purposes, the ratio was usually no more than 1 ram to 20 ewes. Today, most of the bedouin flocks range between 30 to 75 sheep or sheep and goats.

Needless to say, there are notable exceptions to this small number, but this size flock seems ideal for one shepherd to manage.

III. THE VALUE OF THE SHEEP

In an agricultural-pastoral society, these animals were extremely valued and normally protected by law. Most ancient law codes and the Mosaic law made reference to the responsibilities of a shepherd and punishments for those who either stole or destroyed the animals. These animals provided food to eat, milk to drink (cf. Deut. 32:14), and wool for making cloth and covering tents. Sheep were often a medium of exchange, and commonly used for sacrifices.

Sheepshearing was usually carried out in the spring of the year and this called for a time of special celebration and festival (cf. 2 Sam. 13:23). The first mention of shearing is found in Genesis 31:19 in connection with Jacob's and Laban's activity. Fleeces weigh anywhere from 3 to 30 pounds, according to the particular breed and their grazing conditions.

Sheep were sometimes valuable as pets and were deeply loved by their owners. Allusion to this is made in 2 Samuel 12:3 when Nathan appeared before David. He spoke of a poor man who had nothing "... save one little ewe lamb, which he had brought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter."

In modern-day Palestine there are pet animals, as well. The most common of these is the *Maloof*. The word means "fed" or "overfed." Often these rams were fattened for the sole purpose of providing the meat for very special festive occasions. Many of the bedouin shepherds have favorite sheep or lambs and give them special attention and care. In the household of a poor man, however, one sheep would be of the greatest value and it is in this light that Nathan challenged David. His illustration was most appropriate since David, as a shepherd, knew well the value of just one lamb. Even greater is the value of one who has been redeemed by the blood of Christ. Those who belong to the Good Shepherd are His possession.

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Thinking About the New Year

It will go as fast as it came. Years are that way.

And whatever we want to get done in the important area of Christian education and youth and church growth, we will have to start now.

I think, in the light of the apparent needs in lives right now, we could all be praying and working to beef up church programs in these areas at least:

1. **FAMILY LIFE:** A course or two during the year, sermons to the point, publicity for the ways the church and staff can help.
2. **CHILDREN:** Missions begins with the beginners or earlier . . . character traits can be taught at that early age . . . a Christian school can be considered . . . excellence for teachers can be neared if our I.C.L. and Scripture Press filmstrips are followed . . . children's church can be jacked up with special guests and subjects.
3. **THE GREAT COMMISSION:** Let's infiltrate everything with the reminder that the orders of the Lord relate to all we do every day. The Great Command is not just for across the ocean (we're across the ocean from where the command was given!). It is a way of life—doing what we do to help others become followers of Christ, get baptized, and then learn everything Jesus has said.
4. **SIMPLE ORGANIZATION:** Does your place have clear lines of authority and responsibility? If not, the red tape and overlapping will hurt!
5. **YOUR PART:** That's you. You are needed. This is a war for the spirits of people all around you, and you are counted on by the Lord! Do help! Pitch in, and with your family and heart and pocket-book and spirit . . . I mean, what else is there?

Knute Larson

ABOUT A GOOD STAFF: Mary Jones is now Mrs. Nass, with the union in Winona Lake, December 15. . . . Marilyn Johnson, of George and Evelyn, has returned to Brazil after studying at Grace and helping in our shipping department. If any of your orders arrived with Portuguese addressing . . . Brian Roseborough has made the Timothy Teams live with effective ministry-oriented planning, and all of us are celebrating their effectiveness. . . . Gladys Deloe and Ginny Toroian, administrative assistants, recently took two-day training to run our Lanier word-processing machine. That should save some time and energy in helping us to be more efficient with time and serving you better. It's the machine you saw on Monday night's pastors' football game! . . . The four directors taught 10 classes of Christian Ed for a special Grace College course recently.



January 19, 1980, Saturday Seminar
Pastor Ken Ashman, hosting,
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A Simi Valley, Calif.	John Gillis	Harold Ball
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A computer-evaluated Sunday School report of the
 Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Morning Worship Attendances Up

1. Long Beach Grace, Calif.	2667	11. Whittier Community, Calif.	465
2. Worthington, Ohio	2202	12. Wooster, Ohio	462
3. Ashland Grace, Ohio	1008	13. Johnstown Riverside, Pa.	450
4. Myerstown, Pa.	984	14. Simi Valley, Calif.	441
5. Long Beach North, Calif.	779	15. Martinsburg, Pa.	391
6. Winona Lake, Ind.	734	16. Warsaw, Ind.	389
7. Modesto Big Valley, Calif.	643	17. Bellflower, Calif.	386
8. Hagerstown Grace, Md.	605	18. Johnstown Pike, Pa.	372
9. Lititz, Pa.	592	19. Temple Hills, Md.	371
10. Seal Beach, Calif.	486	20. Union, Ohio	357

The Growing Church

by Pastor Ed Cashman

An Anytime Enlargement Campaign

This idea was used by the Bellflower Brethren Church, Bellflower, California, as an enlargement campaign. The emphasis was based around four special days:

100 Percent Sunday—Goal was 100 percent of each class' enrollment in attendance, with emphasis on contacting inactive members.

Kinfok Sunday—Emphasis on bringing relatives.

Neighbor Sunday—Emphasis on bringing neighbors.

Friends Sunday—Emphasis on having one or more friends who would be willing to "stand up for you."

Our goal for our "high" Sunday was set, and we began several weeks prior to the campaign to

encourage people to pray for the "goal." We used cards to obtain the names of prospects, and to serve as a prayer reminder.

Another special emphasis was to "Work for Goal." We kept a card on any who agreed to wear one of the campaign buttons, to see who really worked at the campaign.

To motivate interest between some of the larger classes and departments, we had two special trophies designed and built. They consisted of a base and backing made of rough, used, beat-up lumber on which was mounted a dented and mangled metal measuring cup. The inscription, "Didn't Quite Measure Up" was placed on the base, and the trophy was awarded to the class which had the lowest attendance for a given Sunday.



Why Do Churches Die?

Suicide is sin for a church.

Many denominations in America have ceased growing or allowed terminal illnesses to set in. Although less than half the citizens and the youth of America are practicing Christians and in spite of an expanding population, many congregations are smaller now than they were in the past.

At the same time there is explosive growth in a vast number of American churches which are not a part of the mainline denominations. These aggressive, outreach-oriented Bible churches move forward with a confidence that is reminiscent of the New Testament era.

Why the great contrast?

I believe there are five reasons!

1. There is a **misunderstanding of the Great Commission!** The last command Jesus gave to believers was to "go and make disciples of all the nations . . ." Once a believer comes to faith in Christ and publicly identifies with the local church body, he must be trained and equipped for service in the church and to the world.

The command of our Lord does not address the non-Christian with: "*You all come,*" but the believer with: "*You all go.*" Many churches are failing to go and make disciples!

2. Another symptom of disease is when a church believes that **doctrinal orthodoxy is sufficient.** An orthodox statement of faith is no guarantee of growth and progress for churches. *Right* becomes *might* only when our doctrine is the foundation of our duty.

It seems many churches are preoccupied with the preservation of denominationalism rather than the

expansion of the Christian faith. As a result our vision of the world's crying needs is clouded.

3. **Inflexibility and unwillingness to change** is choking the life out of many churches. In an effort to perpetuate "the faith of our fathers," churches can become imprisoned behind the bars of sameness in methods and programs.

Treadmills of sameness may give security to churchmen, but are woefully inadequate if we truly care about results for His Kingdom.

If it doesn't work, if lives are not changed and people aren't added, *stop it!* Try something else.

If new believers in Jesus Christ are nurtured and properly equipped, growth in our churches should be multiplied geometrically.

4. Unfortunately many **converts do not become disciples.** When the breadth of a church's ministry suffers, it's time to look at the depth.

Are we meeting the spiritual needs of believers? Is the ministry

of the Word of God proclaimed in practical, dynamic life-changing ways?

A convention of farmers and ranchers would never spend time discussing, "How to Get a Cow to Come to the Barn" or "How to Get a Cow to Eat." Rather, "How to Improve the Feed" is the subject of their concern.

5. Ministry and service to others in the name of Christ is essential. Unfortunately in most churches **passive sheep fill the pews.** We often teach church people that they are saved so we can serve them. *Not on your Bible!*

Weak congregations have "stay in the sheepfold" mentalities. We must settle for nothing less than "total mobilization" because responsible church membership means being a responsible minister! Passive sheep become a mutual admiration society rather than an advancing army!

God helping us—let's help our churches live!



Dr. David Seifert, pictured with his wife, Sue, pastor of Big Valley Grace Community Church, one of our GBC strongholds in Modesto, California, is also vice president of our GBC Christian Education Board and our CE Church Growth consultant. He is the strong and loving leader of the church that has twice been selected as "Growth Church of the Year" by CE at national conference.



Experience and Training in Leadership

"After those weekends, I know that the only way I could enjoy life would be to serve Him. . . ."

"The Timothy Team has helped me prepare for discipling the young men in our church."

"Timothy Teams to me was a real growing experience. I learned a lot from preparing to go and actually ministering."

"It has taught me how to serve God in a new way and how to deal with and help other people with their problems and needs."

"Not only did the kids gain, but so many adults were truly blessed. You helped our whole church."

"This experience has given the teens a greater vision and willingness to serve."

"We feel that the Timothy Team did more for our youth than any single program we have tried before. It inspired them, challenged them, encouraged them, and equipped them for a closer walk with the Lord as well as for ministering to others."



Challenge and Instruction in Ministry



Encouraging
and

Sharing Through Close Relationships

"The Lord used you in our midst. Nothing we have ever tried has been so productive . . . I only saw love, encouragement and genuine interest by your group. I shall never forget the time you spent just loving our young people."

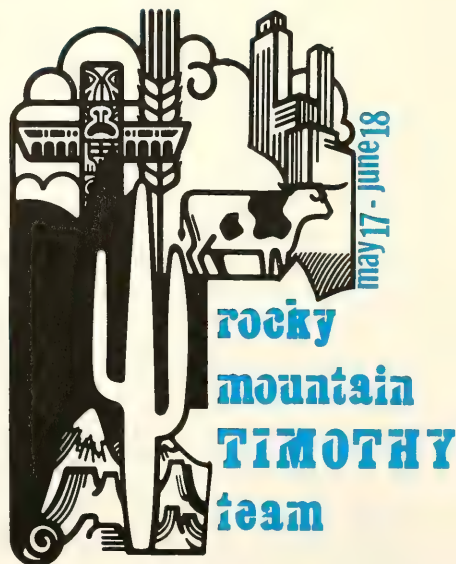
"I just want to say thanks again for sharing such a special time with us. I've learned so much and have grown a lot spiritually by knowing you."

"You've done so much for my life and made me see how important it is to let the Lord have complete control of my life."

"You've really given me a burden to better serve the Lord."

"I've really grown a lot closer to God since you came."

"I really had a super time here this week and especially October 27, 1979. I'll never forget that day. The Lord came into my heart."



Some of our Best Friends are – Pastors

Pastor

**John
McIntosh**

*Mabton,
Washington
GBC*



Pastor John and wife, Carolyn, have been in Mabton, Washington, with their family since 1976. They have seen increases of 25 percent in membership this past year, and over 35 percent in the morning worship service over the last three years.

John has this philosophy in the ministry there: 1) to disciple the believers to do the work of ministry; 2) to develop confident qualified leadership in their assembly, particularly among the men; 3) to see the New Testament pattern of Christian training reproduced in their program.

"I believe the ministry of the GBC CE compliments my philosophy of ministry. 'Hoping to help' has been a reality in Mabton. 'HMMM' has given me ideas and personal encouragement in the work. Most recently, your encouragement given to our GBC people along the plurality of eldership concept is most welcome. We appreciate what you and your staff are doing for us in Mabton."

They share their lives in significant ways, often behind the scenes, sometimes with the tension of unfulfilled expectations, always with the need for a shepherd's heart.

At GBC Christian Education, we are pledged to help these caring men with equipment for the ministry. Thanks to you, we share

**HMMM*—a monthly idea and suggestion sheet.

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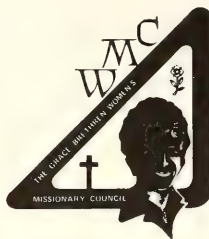
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MARCH 1980

(Addresses may be found on pages 28 and 29 of the 1980 Brethren Annual.)

AFRICA

Miss Carol Mensinger March 6
Jonathan Austin March 10, 1975
Miss Gail Jones March 31

ARGENTINA

Alan Hoyt March 7, 1963
Greg Robinson March 15, 1972
Mrs. Lynn Hoyt March 12

BRAZIL

Joseph Johnson March 25, 1975

FRANCE

Mrs. Tom Julien March 27

GERMANY

Mrs. David Manduka March 25

HAWAII

Rev. Foster Tresise March 20

IN THE UNITED STATES

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Offering Opportunity Grace

GOAL — \$8,000 Due — March 10, 1980

Send offering to Miss Joyce Ashman. Project money will be used to purchase equipment and materials for Educational Resource Center, the nursing skills laboratory and darkroom equipment.

Sent of God

"Spirit-Controlled, I Take Positive Action"

by Mrs. Dan (Miriam) Pacheco

The past few months have been so terrific in our studies of God's Word. How He used the people in their own time and place is a challenge to our personal walk with Him.

Lord, let me be that yielded and willing.

Enoch's walk with God (our November study) was especially challenging—to be so closely in touch with Him that every thought, action and purpose is pure. To be a partner of the Almighty God is really a blessed life. He gives all; we receive.

Lord, it seems like an impossibility in my hurry-up world to stay close to you.

There are so many things to distract me, so many questions that don't seem to have clear-cut answers. How can I do it?

Studying a portion of Scripture with the intent to benefit from it is an exciting venture. Reading has its place. Memorizing has its place. Studying with expectation should also be a regular thing.

In 2 Peter 1, we are given a glimpse of how abundantly God gives and we receive. Ours is not a rain barrel type passive receptance. We do have responsibilities and must take Spirit-controlled positive action.

Lord, help me as I look in this part of Your love letter to me. I want to understand it and use what I learn so my life will glorify You.

Peter addresses those who have received a faith as precious as his. It begins right there. God gives us faith through the righteousness of Jesus. Now comes our part—to know Him. Keep on learning to know Him better and better . . . and the flood begins. Grace, peace, a truly good life (that's everything we need!), His glory, His goodness, salvation from lust and evil desires, and His own character come pouring into our lives.

That's quite a list! But there's more as we continue to build on the gift of faith. We practice being good and we continually learn more of Him through personal communion with Him. We read and study the Scriptures to discover what He has planned for us and we put aside personal desires so the Spirit can exercise self-control.

Lord, that last one is so hard. I'm so sure I know what's best . . . and I can easily rationalize that it's not selfish.



When we gladly let God have His way, He blesses us with patience and godliness. The next benefit is being able to enjoy other people—brotherly kindness that blossoms into a deep Christian love. As we continue in this way, possessing these qualities increasingly, He gives spiritual strength, usefulness and fruit.

Lord, I can hardly take all this in. The score is so lopsided—You give so much, I do so little. Yet I'm the winner. The eternal winner! Thank you for being willing to forgive my sinful self and accept me in Jesus Christ. Thank you for beginning this whole process by giving me faith. I love you.

But Peter gives a warning to those who fail to respond to the gift of faith with Spirit-controlled actions. He calls them blind and forgetful. They don't even remember that Jesus has cleansed their hearts from sin. They live in defeat and misery because they are blind to the fact that they can be spiritually strong and fruitful for the Lord.

Then Peter admonishes us to work hard at being an obedient child of God as a protection against falling into sin and as an assurance of a glorious welcome into heaven.

Oh Lord, I don't ever want to be blind and forgetful. I want to do my part. I want a close walk with You like Enoch had. I want a pure life for Your glory.

Meet Mrs. Walter Haag

Alys (Lickel) Haag was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Her father was a railroader, and Altoona was headquarters for the Pensy Line. Alys was the oldest girl in the family, and it was always her task to entertain the younger children. She learned early in life that the best quiet times with the children were those in which she told them stories. Her imagination knew few limits, so she became adept at making the stories up as she went. That made the job challenging for her, as well as interesting for the others.

At the age of 17 she entered nurses' training in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and became an RN. Both the art of story telling and her nursing abilities have been an asset in her missionary career. In the early pioneering years on the field of Baja California, Mexico, her children were small and the family was far from any sizable town for weeks at a time. It was good to know how to keep the family well and working, as well as how to make the long hours on the slow, slow roads seem short with games and stories.

Alys always knew she wanted to be a missionary. In junior high school the "thesis" for passing her English and literature class was to write a "personal career book." She wrote on being a medical missionary.

Upon graduating from training, she worked in surgery for one year to earn money to go to Bible school. While in Bible institute she worked nights in a hospital, and it was there that an older nurse told her of the need for a nursing supervisor in a hospital in the mountains of Puerto Rico. The hospital was on a volunteer service project and the program was short term—two years.



Alys Haag, 1980 Birthday Missionary

The pay was ten dollars a month, plus room and board. This seemed like a good opportunity to get her "feet wet" in an actual missionary-like atmosphere. So, Alys applied, and in six weeks she was on her way to Puerto Rico.

Alys was a "sergeant-type" supervisor, which was what was needed, but she didn't know one word of Spanish, and that was needed. There couldn't have been a more ideal situation or challenge to learn Spanish, however, so she learned it fast.

Within two months of her arrival in Puerto Rico, a volunteer from California appeared on the scene, who was also interested in missionary work. Thus, Alys met her husband, Walt. They were married ten months later on January 1, 1947. Walt was from the Community Brethren Church in Whittier, California, which introduced Alys to the Grace Brethren work.

They left Puerto Rico in June of 1949, entered Grace Seminary that fall, and later began missionary work in Baja California, Mexico, in October of 1951. On Mexican Independence Day in 1952 their third

child was born. This completed their international family of a Puerto Rican, a Pennsylvanian, and a Mexican, but all of them looking and acting like typical stateside kids.

Living on the U.S. side of the border and planting churches on the Mexican side is not an easy job when it comes to family life. Most evenings of the week were spent attending the prayer meetings of the various groups and getting home late, since the Mexicans don't hurry their services. All day Sunday was spent going from one part of Tijuana to another, to help in three Sunday schools and two evening services.

The Lord blessed, and three churches were born in Tijuana. Likewise the Lord blessed in the missionary family. It was marvelous training in spiritual growth and physical discipline. Also, to learn to live in two cultures comfortably at the same time is training that serves as a basis for solid lifetime decisions.

Largely because of the children's good attitudes and accomplishments in school and Alys' participation in PTA, neighbors became interested in knowing the Lord, and desirous to have evangelical teaching for their children. Thus, the San Ysidro Grace Brethren Church was born on this side of the border.

Besides helping her husband plant churches, Alys thoroughly enjoys her role as "Aunt Alys" to the Missionary Helpers, and spends many hours making slide-tape sets and preparing monthly lessons and workbooks. She also loves to cook, bake, and keep house, partly because she never has had all the time she would like to have to do it.

As a mother, she is very happy with her offspring. Sharon, the oldest, is teaching missionary children with Wycliffe in Mexico. Doug is on the pastoral staff working with high schoolers in Fullerton, California. Sandy, the youngest, is enjoying her employment as an accountant, and her part in the girls' work in the Whittier, California, church. Also two granddaughters add a lot of spice to Alys' life.

WMC Project for Grace Schools Meets a Special Need

Lois Mack and Marlene Bontrager are introduced to materials for exceptional students by Mrs. Marilyn Yoder (left), director of the Education Resource Center



There is a facet of education receiving attention in public education that has been largely overlooked by the Christian community. That facet is the unique needs of exceptional students.

Grace College recently has taken definite steps to include preparation for working with exceptional students in its teacher education program as well as its inclusion in methods courses.

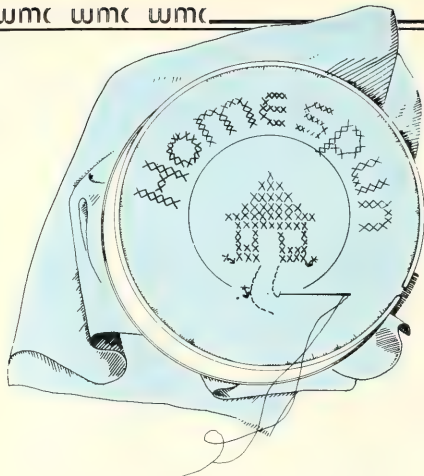
Grace established an education minor for teaching the Educable Mentally Retarded (EMR); the State of Indiana agreed to endorse Grace graduates with the EMR minor to teach these exceptional students; a three-person faculty was secured for the courses under the EMR minor.

One large need, however, remained unmet: a way to finance the purchase of the materials and equipment so necessary in the education of teachers working with exceptional students.

When this need was made known to the executive board of the Grace Brethren Women's Missionary Council, they responded by committing part of the Grace Schools national offering to the purchase of training resources for teachers working with exceptional students.

Using these funds, Grace plans to purchase the following materials to help meet the unique needs of exceptional students: student textbooks that present curricular materials suited to the special learning rates and styles of the student; books with ideas for learning activities to reinforce learning; kits, games and audiovisual materials to enhance learning; and, finally, processing supplies and storage facilities for the materials.

The teacher education department faculty deeply appreciates the willingness of the WMC to provide for the addition of special materials since all elementary and secondary education students at Grace will benefit by acquiring knowledge about exceptional students and using materials to aid learning.



by Mrs. Dean (Ella Lee) Risser

Did I hear correctly? "Take the Navajo Children's Choir to the Mohican Forest for a hike and picnic." All 20 of them? Oh well, perhaps that could be fun for them and us too. As I recall that excursion last summer, I know the Lord was there.

The sun was shining beautifully as we gathered around the picnic tables after the hike. Someone said, "Samson is missing!" How could it be? How could they have lost someone? Did the children understand that they should stay together? My husband and two older boys went back to search. Lunch lost its flavor.

Later my husband returned—no Samson. He was only 10 years old. A lady staff member from the Mission and I went to look. We thought of the river below the steep banks, the huge rocks, the injuries he might have. We called until the trees echoed. On the trail to the falls I looked up to see a small Navajo boy walking toward me. What a welcome sight! Samson was safe!

What was so strange was that he did not feel he had done wrong. He just couldn't find everyone. I thought, was it wrong to run ahead of the leader? Was it wrong to feel he could care for himself in a new place? Was it not exciting to explore by himself? Yes! Yes! Yes!

Then I thought, how often have I run ahead of my Heavenly Father? How many times do I not listen to His directions? I think I can care for myself. I lose my way. Then, I

wonder, where is the Lord? Why have I gotten hurt? His presence is gone. I realize I have run ahead of God's plan and I have lost the sound of His voice. And when He brings me back, do I know that it is my fault?

Lord, help me to remember Samson, help me to remember to follow close to You.

"Thou will show me the path of life, in thy presence is fullness of joy" (Ps. 16:11).

by Mrs. R. A. (Carolyn) Peak

Nearly every week when I zip together my personal laundry bag, I thank the Lord for the lesson He taught me from that zipper. That zipper is an old metal one, in good condition, but as contrary as they come. For weeks I struggled to make it work properly, but it either would not cooperate with my efforts or did so reluctantly. It would zip a few teeth together and stop. No matter how hard I pulled, sometimes it would not go any further. I would move the head back to the start and try again. Often to little or no avail. Getting that zipper to close required a major pushing and pulling effort every week, grating teeth on one side against those of the other. I nearly threw the bag away. Then it occurred to me that perhaps a bit of vaseline on the teeth might help. Using my little finger, on a few teeth on both sides of the zipper, I dabbed a speck of vaseline right next to the head. Then I pulled, and presto! The zipper zipped. As if by magic, it went together. I pulled it open just as easily and zipped it shut again, just to be certain I wasn't dreaming. Sure enough! That zipper was working as it was designed to work, smoothly and efficiently.

Then I smiled, for the Lord made me see those contrary zipper teeth as a collection of believers (maybe WMC ladies!), the head as the leader, and the vaseline as the oil of the Holy Spirit. Though the leader may be doing a commendable job of leading (as the zipper head was doing a commendable job of trying to zip), and though the believers may be designed to work together (as the teeth were designed to zip together), without the Holy Spirit, only unpleasant pushing, pulling, and grating will get the work accomplished. But with His presence, with His filling of each one involved, the work goes smoothly and quickly.

Perhaps Zechariah said it best when he wrote: "... not by might, nor by power, but by *My Spirit*, saith the Lord..." (Zech. 4:6); or to paraphrase it: "By *My Spirit*, those believers *zip together* and do *My work*!"



by Jane Fretz

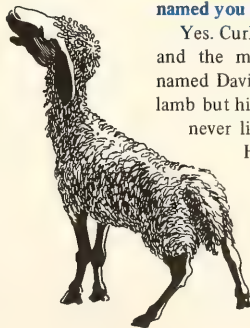
In the land of Israel there were many sheep and many shepherds.

"Curly, Curly; they should have named you trouble!"

Yes, Curly was one of *those* sheep, and the man who was calling was named David. Curly was really just a lamb but his mother feared he would never live to become an adult.

His scrapes would have turned her hair white if it had

The Sound of a Harp



Mary Jane Fretz '79

not been white already. Curly was fortunate. His shepherd was David, and David was always alert to the needs of his sheep. Today he was calling for Curly to join the rest of the flock for the night. Curly looked longingly at the patch of clover he had just discovered and then turned and trudged up the hill dragging his feet in protest.

"That clover was so sweet I wish I could have some more right now," thought Curly. *"If I wait till tomorrow all the adults will discover it and I won't get any."*

Suddenly Curly had an idea. He thought it was a good idea. But if he could have seen the nasty expression on his face he might have had some second thoughts about how "good" it was.

"I'm going to wait till to-night when everyone is asleep and sneak back and have the whole patch for myself."

Curly knew that his mom could often tell when he was planning something wrong, so he was extremely careful to act normal as he laid down beside her for the night. He decided to pretend to go to sleep, and in just a little while he thought he could hear her slight snore. He waited, and then very quietly stood up and tiptoed through the flock of sleeping sheep. When he had gotten beyond the edge of the flock he kicked up his heels.

"Yippee!" thought Curly as he bounced down the hill. *"I'll have a good munch and then slip back and no one will know."*

"Let's see, the place was by

the brook past the mulberry trees. Yes, I can smell the berries, so it should be right under this tree an d it is!"

Curly started to munch away with great delight. The clover was extremely good. But it wasn't long till he noticed that everything was hushed. He heard a branch snap behind him and he jumped. He looked, but he couldn't see anything.

"Silly! There's nothing there."

He went back to eating but this time there was a loud crunch behind him. He jumped around and saw two dark furry feet. He looked up and up, and there was a huge black bear literally towering over him.

"Help! Help!" he thought. But all he could say was a very weak "baa, baa." The beast started toward him and was reaching out to slice him to pieces when . . . a sound—he heard a sound like—no, it was David's harp! He opened his eyes.

"It's light! What happened to the bear? What am I doing in the middle of the flock beside my mother? Why it was a dream," he sighed in relief. *"And it was David's harp that woke me up and chased away that awful dream."*

He jumped up and started to prance around so vigorously that his mother opened her eyes and started to wonder if he hadn't eaten locoweed. He rushed over to David and tried to tell him in his best voice just how happy he was that David's playing had awakened

him from his bad dream.

"I could have died of fright. But you awakened me and the sound of your harp soothed me."

That's what he wanted to say but all David could hear was "baa, baa."

"What do you want, Curly?" asked David. *"You seem awfully happy about something."*

Curly drug his nose across the strings of the harp trying to tell David. But the sound was dull; not very pretty and his nose stung from the strings.

"Curly, you've gotten your nose into just about everything. But my harp? Do you want me to keep playing?"

Curly jumped for joy and then laid down contentedly as David strummed and sang a song of praise to God for safety through the night. Curly wanted to sing praises too but that was reserved for people.

That day when David led them down the hill, Curly saw the clover patch and walked right on by. He didn't want any part of the clover that had given him such greedy bad dreams.

Not many days after, some men came to talk to David about going to the palace to play for King Saul so the King would be free from his sadness and bad dreams. At first Curly was unhappy because he would miss David and his harp. But then he thought that was selfish, and he remembered that it was selfishness which had caused that awful dream. He was happy that David would help the King just as David had helped him.

Highlights of an Exciting Year

by **Homer A. Kent, Jr.**
President, Grace Schools

Every school year in a college or seminary brings a fresh beginning. How many other enterprises of this magnitude can start over every 12 months? But while academic years tend to take on a certain sameness as they unfold, the 1979-80 year at Grace College and Seminary has some features that have made it distinctive, and for these we give praise to God.

INCREASED STUDENTS

The most obvious highlight of the present year is the record enrollment in both college and seminary. For the first time more than 1,200 students have registered for classes, and this means full classrooms, bustling hallways, dormitories at capacity, and crowded parking lots. Of that total the 414 students in Grace Seminary represent the largest fall registration in our history. The potential for Christian leadership represented in these committed young scholars never fails to impress everyone who visits a class or attends one of the chapels.

Enrollment in Grace College topped 800 for the first time (official total: 804). In these days of economic uncertainty and a declining student pool, the increase of 5 percent which Grace experienced was most heartening. A previous *Herald* reported the high academic caliber of this year's freshman class. The spiritual concerns of this class have also been exceptional, and this has helped to establish a healthy student atmosphere on the campus this year.

NEW FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS

The academic programs have benefited this year by the addition of several new full time

faculty in both the seminary and the college. Dr. Wayne Knife joined the seminary Old Testament department, coming to us from a faculty position at Baptist Bible College in Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania. He has also taught at Philadelphia College of Bible. Dr. Larry Overstreet is the new professor of homiletics, with a brand new Ph.D. from Wayne State University, and previous faculty experience at Detroit Baptist Divinity School.

Grace College added two faculty members to full-time positions this year: W. Merwin Forbes in the Department of Biblical Studies, and Mrs. Margaret Boozel in the Department of Nursing. There are also six part-time faculty members who have enabled us to enrich our curricular offerings beyond what the full-time faculty can provide.

The administration of Grace Schools is the responsibility of the president, along with the executive vice president and administrators of the five major areas: the seminary, college academics, student affairs, business affairs, and development. Two of our administrators are in their first year of service and are performing with real distinction. Dean of Students Dan Snively acquired a number of years of valuable experience under his predecessor Arnold Kriegbaum, now retired. Director of Business Affairs Ron Clinger is rapidly familiarizing himself with the complex aspects of his office. Both of these new administrators have quickly gained the respect of their colleagues. We believe God has brought them to us.

PROGRAMS AND CONFERENCES

The college enrolled its first students in the new associate degree program in nursing this fall, and interest is very high. Already Mrs. Barbara Woodring, director of nursing, reports a waiting list for the next class. These young

women are receiving their clinical experience at Kosciusko Community Hospital and Miller's Merry Manor.

The seminary has made a number of curricular changes to strengthen its programs. Students may now choose to pursue the four-year Master of Theology degree and bypass the Master of Divinity. The variety of academic backgrounds among entering students, especially regarding their knowledge of Greek, is recognized more formally by three slightly different curricula.

Two short-term courses will be offered during the winterim to resident students, as well as alumni and area pastors. These will be taught by visiting faculty. "Pastoral Counseling" will be taught by seminary alumnus Dr. Edward Hindson, now of Liberty Baptist College, and "Christian Education Methods and Materials" by college alumnus Dr. Max Anders of Walk-Thru the Bible ministries. Next summer the seminary will utilize visiting professors Dr. S. Lewis Johnson (Dallas, Texas) and Dr. James Rosscup (Talbot Theological Seminary) for two-week courses.

This year also saw the inauguration of the first Grace Lay Bible Institute with 151 students. Sponsored by the seminary, it offers evening classes to student wives and other area residents taught by professors and graduate students. The classes meet on eight consecutive Monday evenings each semester. Two Walk-Thru the Bible seminars are also being sponsored this year. The "Walk Thru the Old Testament" attracted 700 participants in September. The New Testament seminar will be held in February.

ENCOURAGING FINANCES

Finances are a continuing problem in higher education today, and Christian institutions are no exception. In some respects their pressures may be worse because some of them, including Grace, do not accept government funds for institutional purposes. Nevertheless, God has given us a host of friends who have caught the vision of Grace Schools and the potential that is here for a meaningful Christian education. Alumni giving for the first 9 months of 1979 (latest figures available this

writing) was up 75 percent over the comparable period in 1978. Total monthly gift income for the first 9 months of 1979 exceeded the same period in 1978 by 22.9 percent. Although Project 790 did not reach its lofty goal, it did bring in about \$200,000 during 1979, a most encouraging achievement. For all of these blessings we thank God and press forward.

Grace News Notes

\$10,000 Bequest

Mr. Squire Allen, who went to be with the Lord on April 14, 1979, at the age of 86, made a bequest of \$10,000 to Grace Schools in his will. He was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church in Flora, Indiana, since 1910. Donald R. Taylor is pastor of the Flora church.

Returns to Library Post

President Homer A. Kent, Jr., has announced that Prof. Robert Ibach has returned to his position as Director of Libraries at Grace Schools. He resumed his duties officially on November 26. Mr. Ibach had previously served Grace for 10 years before being appointed director of the Billy Graham Library at Wheaton College this fall. "We are happy to welcome him back," said Dr. Kent.

Elected AIDO President

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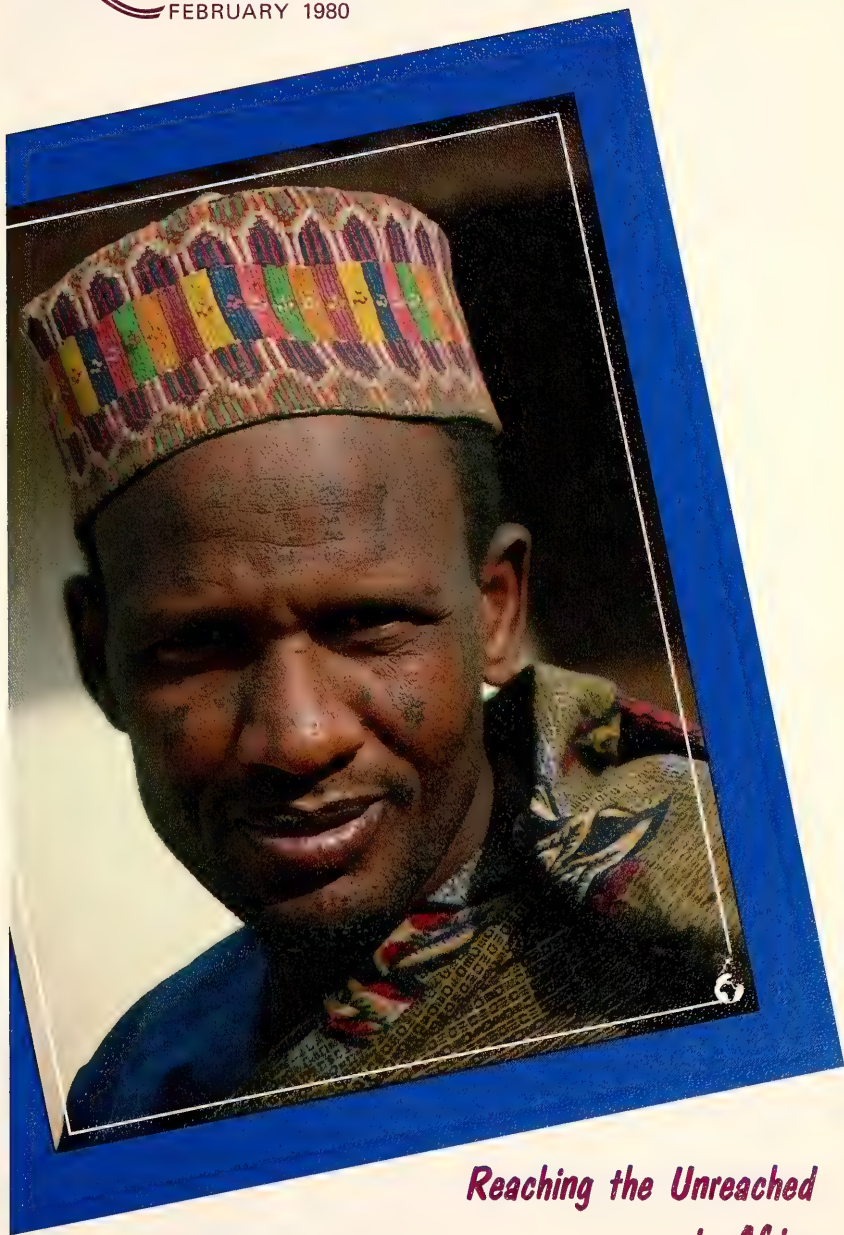
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The "Who's Who of Nobody"

Charles W. Turner
Editor

It just had to happen. It was as inevitable as a headache! For years all of the famous people have been receiving the attention, and their biographies have been printed in fifty dollar volumes. Their plaques have graced their office walls and when this is called to their attention, they humbly admit they have been selected for an edition of *Who's Who in Religion* or politics, or an expert in some exotic field of endeavor. Meanwhile, you stand by, hoping that one of these days your boss will remember your name. Maybe you are one of those sons-in-law that you hope your mother-in-law will someday recognize you and quit getting you confused with the trash man.

It did happen; well, I should say, it is about to happen. A new volume is coming out and it will be called *Who's Nobody in America*. It is being compiled by a California firm. It promises to list the nobodies of America. I assume it will include the important nobodies.

After all, how can one find a really nobody nobody? I am afraid, though, that this whole thing might get out of hand and fail. If so, we will end up with the VIP nobodies of America and the people most qualified for the book will not be listed. What a shame!

Who, according to the standards, are the nobodies who may qualify? Some have applied—about 4,000 thus far—and with a rough estimate of maybe 220,000,000 nobodies in America, there is still plenty of room to get in the edition. It looks, though, like the list will be limited to just 25,000 in the first edition.

One applicant claimed she had been to the same psychiatrist for eight years and he kept calling her Evelyn. Her name is Mildred. Another lady claimed that she is a wife, mother and a church secretary, and the only time anyone notices her is when she is gone. One lady wanted the honor on the basis that she had held a small party, and later the guests kept asking her to point out

the hostess so they could extend their thanks.

So, it is obvious that a large number of people are having the problem of finding what is probably their true worth in life. I think it also brings up the matter of how distorted we get with our sense of values. We place the wrong emphasis on who is important and who is not important. Certainly from the viewpoint of the Word of God there is the truth that God is interested in all. Christ died for the whole of humanity—the kings, the rulers, and those we call the common people, as well.

In fact, we are warned in the Scriptures not to place too much importance on the status or vocation of a person. In the early days of the Church James spoke of not giving the best seat to those dressed in fine apparel, and moving the poor to a lesser place of seating. But when it comes to the calling of God, hear what Paul says about status, and place in life: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, the things that are not, to bring to nought the things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Cor. 1:26-29).

So, as men put together their "Who's Who" to give honor to those who have accomplished, and others put together a book of *Who's Nobody in America*, God puts together a book of His own. Those who are in His book will be saved by the grace of Christ, and the names of those important in God's program may well vary from man's list of recognition.

COVER PHOTO: This Fulani tribesman in the C.A.R. is a member of just one of the 20,000 unreached groups in the world today. Photo by Dr. David Daugherty

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35 Years Ago—1945

The Brethren Radio Hour will go on the air as soon as funds are available. Needed are 5,000 people who will send in a \$1.00 per month. . . . The remodeling of the Foreign Missionary Residence on Chestnut Street in Winona Lake, Ind., is about to begin. Purchased in 1943 for \$7,500, the residence will soon be ready for full occupation.

15 Years Ago—1965

The report for 1964 Foreign Missions giving is in and it totals \$483,211. . . . Rev. Ralph Colburn, pastor at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., celebrated his eleventh year as pastor, and received a gift of a Holy Land trip from the congregation. . . . The Florida district announced that their first district conference will be held March 1-3.

5 Years Ago—1975

Larry Gegner is moving from Ankenytown, Ohio, to Kokomo, Ind. . . . Almost 700 people attended the dedication service of the new sanctuary at Sunnyside, Wash. . . . Columbus, Ohio, won the Sunday school contest for division A, and Warsaw, Ind., won it for division C.

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Thank you again for this "over-and-above" service.—
Martinsburg, Pa., Senior WMC

Editor's note: This is one of dozens of letters of thanks for the donation of WMC program covers by the Herald. To all the WMCs—You are very welcome. Glad to be of service.



Don Hocking (left) and President David Dacko (right)

The President Prays for the Wisdom of Solomon

by Don Hocking

On Wednesday, November 7, while I was at M'Baiki for a pastor's conference, the protocol officer of President David Dacko visited my house in Bangui and asked to see me. My wife, Betty, explained that I was at M'Baiki and would return about 6 p.m. That evening he arrived a little after 6:30 and said the President wanted to see me the next morning at his residence at 8 o'clock. So, Thursday morning I was there.

I was ushered into a waiting room in the President's house. At 8:30 the French protocol officer said President Dacko wanted to see me at 10 a.m. I explained that I had to leave for Batangafo at 9:30 a.m. and the flight had to go on schedule since permission for our flight had been obtained from the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces and the National Sheriff's office. This is the date we had arranged and it could not be changed. He accepted the

explanation and told me to return Saturday morning at 8:30.

Returning Saturday morning, I again went to the residence. I had hardly gotten out of the car when the president was on the veranda of his house waiting for me. We went into a receiving room and sat down

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to talk. Though I had met Mr. Dacko previously, this was the first time I had ever been alone with him.

You might wonder why he would summon me. There is a story

behind it. When Betty and I lived at M'Baiki, he came to the mission on three occasions. At his first two visits we were away from home. The third time, Betty and I were there holding youth classes with the Snyders and Marie Mishler. He apparently was impressed by his visit. Marie took some black and white pictures and gave him one.

His government was overthrown by Bokassa, but he was later allowed to return to his house near M'Bata via M'Baiki. Though he was under some surveillance, Al Balzer and I went to visit him. A soldier guarded him and those who came to see him, but the soldier let us through and we visited with him about one hour. He was very impressed by this visit and very appreciative—he gave us a regime of bananas and lots of eggs. We talked about spiritual things at that time. He told me then that he knew Jesus Christ was the only way of salvation.

During my next contact with



him at close range, he still was not in the government. But he was free to move about and he attended the church dedication of the M'Bata church. The Balzers and we were there. President Dacko sat right next to me and we had another nice conversation.

The next time I saw him, we were on the same plane together. I was going from Paris to Bangui and he boarded at N'Djamena, Chad. We greeted each other. He was now the personal counselor to Bokassa and about the second or third man in the government. It was October of 1977.

Perhaps all this had something to do with his invitation to me for a personal chat on that Saturday morning.

What did he tell me? Well, he gave me an overview of the political situation of Africa. He feels that the two greatest dangers are communism and Libya. There have been over 400 Central African students in Libya. He planned to pull them all out of that country. He showed me what the communists are doing and their strategy.

Then he said, "I don't believe I have to tell you about the dangers of communism."

"No, I know the dangers very well," I answered.

He pointed out that there are 500 Russian technicians in the C.A.R.—more than in any other central African country. He also

"This is what I am asking from God. This is what I want you to pray about—that God will give me wisdom. We want to go on the straight and narrow path—not to the left or right. Pray that He will hold our feet on His path and that we will do things His way."

commented that they have built in Bangui the nicest and most impressive embassy anywhere in central Africa. He claimed it was not without reason—they are directing their attacks against the C.A.R. and Zaïre.

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over the C.A.R. and encourage pastors to evangelize. Only God can keep our country right. Soldiers and guns and bullets can't do it—only Christ."

He is a devout Catholic but knows the way of salvation in Christ. It was a very impressive conversation, and he is a very sincere religious man.

He waited for my response. "I will tell all the pastors to pray for you and your government. I'll explain to them your desire to encourage pastors to spread gospel books and to evangelize all over the C.A.R. You will have the complete backing of our pastors and missionaries in these endeavors. That is why we are here and we appreciate your encouragement."

Then I pointed out that his absence at the Castors church on the day of thanksgiving (two Sundays after his coup d'état) after he said he would attend was regretted by the believers there. I encouraged him to make it right. Dacko accepted.

Sunday morning, he arrived at church before I was to preach at 10 o'clock. I decided not to preach while he was there (my messages are usually about 30 minutes long).



The Castors Brethren Church



President Dacko visited the Castors church near Bangui

Instead, I read Romans 13 and had prayer. Pastor Ndomale Joseph was in charge of the reception of the president and the service after he arrived. The president was given the opportunity to speak. It was almost like preaching!

He had three points, which were backed with Scripture: 1) Spread the Gospel, Isaiah 42:7; 2) Spend time in the Word of God, illustrated by Mary and Martha in Luke; and 3) Pray for God's guidance and protection, Psalm 127:1-2. He was well received. The 2,000 people gathered in the Sango service clapped after each point and gave him a good round of applause at the end. He returned to his seat, the choir sang, Pastor Noel Gaiwaka prayed, and then President Dacko left. Pastor Ndomale and I accompanied him to his car. He asked for a group of us to come to his house at 6 p.m.

I went back in and preached. Then after the service, a Frenchman and two Central African technicians came to record the adult choir singing the national anthem in Sango

and the youth choir which had sung two numbers during the president's visit.

The protocol officer came back to talk with me to say that in addition to 10 pastors, the president would like to have the two directors of the choirs and several laymen and laywomen leaders of the

**He waited for my response.
*"I will tell all the pastors to
 pray for you and your
 government."* We are really
 getting behind him and
 praying for him. Won't
 you do the same?**

church come to his residence. All together the Don Millers, the Hockings, 10 pastors, and about 15 laypeople (including the two directors) were invited. Don and I drove our two cars and took the pastors. The government sent a minibus to the Castors church to get the laypeople.

We arrived about 6:00 and were introduced into his residence at 6:10. Lovely stuffed chairs were in groups of 6 to 8 and the president sat next to me on a sort of couch. We talked and he had soft drinks brought in for us. Then they set up a buffet. Everything was cold, but delicious: small sandwiches (ham, caviar), cold pieces of chicken with a little pickle, olives, potato chips, and cream puffs.

Pastor Ndomale sat on the other side of the president. We got involved in some very interesting conversations. He agreed readily to my taking some pictures.

Before we left, I asked him if he would like to say a word to the entire group. He agreed and used Solomon as his example. He used the illustration of God's giving Solomon the privilege of asking for anything he wanted. Solomon asked for wisdom to govern God's people.

"This is what I am asking from God. This is what I want you to pray about—that God will give me



Are You One ?

Brethren Foreign Missions is interested in contacting direct descendants of the 53 charter members of the Society. If you are a close relative of any of the following people, please let us know at P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590:

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Rev. J. M. Fox	Rev. L. W. Ditch	Sarah Rinehart
Rev. Mary Sterling	Rev. B. H. Flora	Henry Rinehart
Naomi Wilson	Rev. M. A. Witter	Amelia Bauman
Rev. G. W. Rensch	Rev. W. M. Lyon	W. S. Baker
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Rev. J. Allen Miller	(Mrs. N. C. Nielsen)	M. J. Hanse
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C. W. Landia	Rev. A. S. Menaugh	Amy Penn
Emily H. Gnagey		

wisdom. We want to go on the straight and narrow path—not to the left or right. Pray that He will hold our feet on His path and that we will do things His way.”

By the way, we had prayed before we ate. Dacko seems to be a man of prayer. He confided in me that he reads 10 pages of the Bible and prays every day. In fact, off to the side we saw a type of prayer room. Of course, the crucifix was there as well as a picture of Mary

and the Babe, but he had a Bible there. He reads it both in French and Sango, he said.

At the end we had prayer for him—three pastors prayed. He was so friendly, down-to-earth, and gracious. What hospitality! Everyone was extremely impressed by his attitude, his humbleness, and his desire for prayer and wisdom from God.

I feel we should rejoice in all of this. Naturally, we need to have

guarded optimism, but these events have been very encouraging. The standing of the mission and the Union of Brethren Churches in the eyes of the government has never been higher. God has raised up President Dacko for times like these. We are really getting behind him and praying for him. Won't you do the same?

WON'T YOU DO THE SAME?



Don Hocking meets with a group of African pastors and leaders

Celebrating 80 Years!

by John W. Zielasko

The Brethren Foreign Missionary Society will soon celebrate its eightieth anniversary. On September 1, 1903, 53 determined and dedicated people met on the conference grounds of Winona Lake, Indiana, and brought into existence an organization that today embodies the loyalty and pride of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

Why was it organized? Early records declare the purpose of the Society's existence. "The Society exists for the purpose of forwarding the cause of Jesus Christ in foreign lands, acting as an auxiliary of the Brethren Church."

One doesn't assume such an ambitious program without fierce opposition from Satan and his hosts, and the fledgling missionary society was not immune from his attacks.

It will be worth the effort to review a little of the Society's noble history and reflect on the motivation and dedication of the pioneers who blazed the trail and conquered formidable obstacles in obedience to Jesus Christ.

The mission program itself did not get underway for three years after the Society's founding. Then in 1903, two missionaries were sent out—one to Montreal, Canada; and another to Urmia, Persia. Both of these works later had to be closed. The ministry in Persia continued for a period of six years with some measure of success. Then, I believe, the missionary Yonan Y. Auraham died. Efforts to place another missionary on the field were unsuccessful due to the unstable political conditions in the area.

It is interesting to note that the mission was located in what is now the Turkish section of Iran. Urmia is probably close to Tabriz, a city that is very much in the news as this is being written. Opposition to the Ayatollah Khomeini centers in this area. How tragic it is that it was not possible to continue a Brethren witness for Christ in that troubled spot. Even today there are only some 5,000 Protestants in all of Iran.

It may surprise our readers to learn that the Brethren Church also had a work in China. Mrs. Rose

Foulke and her two daughters, Verna and Rose, labored in Taming-fu, North China. This originally was a mission project supported wholly by the Long Beach (Calif.) Brethren Church, but it did come under the direction of the Foreign Board in 1921. Regrettably, a lack of missionary personnel forced the closing of the field in 1924, and since that date, FMS has had no involvement in the Orient.

As you see, the devil was busy at every turn trying to discourage the foreign mission efforts of the Brethren Church. With these apparent setbacks, surely interest in the foreign mission enterprise would collapse. But, Satan was to learn that Brethren missionaries are as devoted to Jesus Christ as any and that they tenaciously hold on no matter what the obstacles or dangers.

To one who asked George Mueller the secret of his service he said: "There was a day when I died"—and as he spoke he bent lower until he almost touched the floor—"died to George Mueller, his opinions, preferences, tastes, and will; died to the world, its approval or censure; died to the approval or blame even of my brethren and friends; and since then I have studied only to show myself approved unto God."

Argentina was considered by the Foreign Board to be the first organized Brethren missionary endeavor. It was termed, in the minutes of 1907, as the "special field of our missionary effort." The first team sailed for Argentina in 1909. Missionaries to Argentina found it hard to penetrate the Roman Catholic culture, but they didn't give up. The existence of Brethren churches in Argentina today testifies to the faith-

fulness of those who were willing to stick to the difficult task.

The conquest of Oubangui-Chari in Central Africa is a tale of heroism that rivals the stories of missionary dedication, valor, and sacrifice anywhere in the world. We marvel at the patience and fortitude displayed by our missionaries in the face of the ordeals they were forced to endure.

The first missionary team had to wait three years before the French gave permission to enter the territory. In the meantime, reinforcements sailed to join the pioneer party; but on the trip up the Sangha River, the missionary's wife, Mrs. Antoine Rollier, was stricken with fever and died. Shortly after that the pioneer missionary party eagerly anticipated the arrival of another new recruit. Alas, Allen Bennett also took sick and died just a few miles short of his destination. James S. Gribble, himself, after receiving permission from the French to enter Oubangui-Chari, was permitted only two years of ministry before the Lord called him home. Thus, the mission from its inception was plagued with sicknesses, death, and discouragements that were enough to cause the most optimistic to give up—but they didn't. The presence of a church numbering some 80,000 members in what is now the Central African Republic is testimony to the courage, faith, and ministry of Brethren missionaries.

In the course of these 80 years, the Society continued to grow and prosper and now embraces 9 fields: Argentina, Brazil, Central African Republic, Chad, France, Germany, Hawaii, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

Of course, Satan still opposes.

Missionary casualties still keep the ranks pitifully understaffed.

The work continues to have its share of problems—but this is the lot of any Christian minister who faithfully serves his Lord in this age.

In the meantime, God blesses.

From that day in 1900, when 53 people became the charter members of the corporation, the Society has grown and now has 9,000 people as corporation members. Over the course of these 80 years, over 250 people have served or are presently serving as missionaries with the Foreign Missionary Society. The present active missionary force is 103.

When James Gribble issued the challenge for young men and women to follow him into the unreached territories of Africa, Brethren young people, recognizing full well that such a challenge could end in death, accepted the call and gladly made the sacrifices necessary to do the job that Christ com-

Looking Back and Praising the Lord!

This is an excerpt from a letter by James S. Gribble, pioneer missionary to Africa.

"Before closing, I must add this. On Sunday a couple of Frenchmen called in our camp and after being a bit amused with the children, one of them asked Marguerite (Gribbles' child) if she would go with him. To this question she gave a negative answer saying that 'she wanted to go to Ubangui-Chari.' So, from the least to the greatest of us, we are all united in wanting to go to Ubangui-Chari."

mitted to His Church. Notice, for example, these words from a letter written by one of our early missionaries: "I place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ. I indeed shall most promote the glory of Him to whom I owe all hope in time and eternity."

The 1980s begin a new era for the Foreign Missionary Society. The obstacles we face in the accomplishment of the Great Commission may be of a different nature from those faced by our pioneer missionaries, but they are just as formidable. Today there are the challenges of the Orient—billions untouched by the Gospel, the pygmies, and countless ethnic groups in Europe and South America that have no gospel witness. These are just a few of the many opportunities that witness to the unfinished task. The job, indeed, is far from done, but we confidently believe that the Brethren Church will continue to support this good work and will encourage her sons and daughters to follow in the steps of those noble souls who have brought us to the eightieth anniversary year.

Healing Souls and

by Dr. Bill Walker

She was in critical condition when they brought her to the hospital. After many hours of trying various village remedies, the group of Arab men and women had presented her to us to care for. The coma was of uncertain cause and we felt that some of the village medicine may have actually aggravated the illness.

We began intravenous feedings and a treatment schedule we felt would be appropriate. There seemed to be some improvement in the hours that followed. She began to moan and speak erratic phrases. Though still critically ill, we felt her coma was lightening.

The Mohammedan religious leader, the Malum, showed up at the hospital after we had cared for the lady about 36 hours. He demanded she be released so he could take her to the village and offer a sacrifice for her—her illness would be cured if a chicken were sacrificed, he asserted.

We assured the Malum that we were concerned for the woman and that we had been praying that God would lead us in the proper treatment for her. We had the opportunity to explain to the Malum that Christ's blood had been shed once and for all for all of our sins. It is no longer necessary to offer the blood of bulls and goats to obtain God's blessings (see Heb. 10:4).

For a few hours it seemed as though the Malum was going to accept our treatment and our method of asking God's direction. Soon, however, members of the

family came asking us to take the patient back to the village. They said she was "dead." We promised them that she was very much alive and needed care—taking her to the village was a sure path to her death. No, we would not release her. Although the outlook was still poor

for her ultimate complete recovery, we still accepted the challenge to do all within our available means to give her proper medical care.

Later that evening, after shutting down the diesel motor which powers our electrical systems, I went down to the hospital to see



Two women of the Bororo people

Healing Bodies

how the lady was doing. I was immediately aware of an unusual quietness as I approached the room. I noticed that all the women and men who had been milling around outside the door were not there anymore.

The door was open.

The bed empty.

The life-sustaining fluid slowly dripped from the intravenous tubing on the concrete floor.

The relatives had obeyed the edict of the Malum. A sacrifice of a chicken was necessary, he had said.

One of our national nurses overheard the group discussing the idea that the "devil" already had her soul. She was talking in a manner they could not understand—she was already in the "devil's" hands, and no medicine would be able to help her.

They did not bring her back, and though we have not seen any of the family since then, we are certain what the outcome was without proper medical care. The Malum makes great demands of the people, and refusing to follow his advice

means trouble. Although we treat hundreds of Arab people each year at our hospital and dispensaries, only a very, very small number have yielded to Christ.

In recent months we have had a nomadic tribe of Arabs, the Bororo people, frequenting our hospital. They tend herds of cattle out in the bush country and spend their lives wandering through the grass from one grazing area to another. We are seeing some of these people come to a knowledge of Christ. They seem eager to hear the Gospel and in some instances have expressed belief so quickly we have questioned if they really understood. But they have!

One of our hospital employees, Philemon, knows their language very well and is able to act as an interpreter. We have cassette tapes available in the Bororo language prepared by "Radio Sawtu Linjiila" of Ngaundere, Cameroon. Missionary George Peters has provided us with a cassette player and a manual generator to supply the current needed to play the tapes. We realize the confession of faith a Bororo makes is without any foundation in depth, but it is a beginning, and Philemon has been very faithful in this ministry.

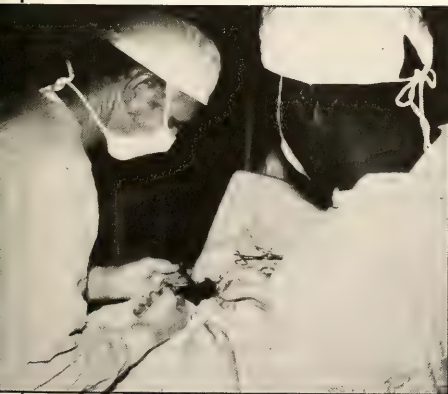
The Bororo people are looked down on by many of the Arab, as well as non-Arab tribes here. They have found that they are treated with love and respect at our hospital and dispensaries, and the word gets around even without telephones.

Having someone like Philemon who demonstrates Christianity in action has had a big influence on them. The Lord has blessed in giving direction for the care of their physical needs. Pray with us that God will give us guidance in meeting their physical needs. Remember the Arab people. Pray that the Lord will help them break away from their religious leaders and superstitions.

We will continue to tell our patients about the saving power of Jesus Christ. After all, that's what Medical Missions is all about!



Above: A Bororo mother and child
Left: Dr. Walker and assistant performing surgery



Religion in Review

by Gary Warner, Director

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It was not a pretty year. The Church, did not end the decade in a blaze of sacrificial glory.

It was the year of holocaust, simply and directly stated. Warring and conquering factions in Vietnam and Cambodia committed genocide against the local populations.

The pictures and reports came early in the year from a region too many Americans secretly wish had never existed or would just go away. Little people; brown and yellow faces. First staring in hopeless abandonment from these rickety boats. Drowning and dying of starvation. No hope at home. No place to go. People without a country. By the thousands.

It was only our initiation. The statistics spiraled into the millions. Cambodia. A land of eight million reduced to four million by Pol Pot's "re-education." The grisley reports multiplied, coming from missionaries, journalists, government officials. Six thousand starving to death each day. By year's end no child under five would remain alive without outside help.

Slowly the ecclesiastical wheels ground an about-face to confront the insanity. It was not easy. A matter of time, dollars and priorities. There was the resultant problem of governmental interference. And the evangelized to evangelize.

Of course, one could not overlook ERA and women wanting to help lead the Church. Or homosexuals creeping in where even Communists once feared to tread. And church mergers to "dialogue" about; inerrancy rallies to attend; all kinds of capers in Washington to stamp our feet over; "properly Christian" political candidates to tote; and funds to raise to keep bureaucracies humming.

"Jesus wept" (John 11:35).

Perhaps the Church's inertia was, in part, understandable. In practical terms, what could be done? The situation seemed distant, the countries impenetrable, the diplomatic aspects mind-boggling. One can hardly fathom death in such monstrous proportions. And weren't most other matters confronting the Church of considerable importance?

But all that was not the question. Rather, what could be attempted? What was the one calamitous event occurring in the world important enough to get our attention and cooperation?

The Church began to try, joining those few weary arms and voices long in the fray. As World Vision's

ship picked up "boat people," concern picked up at home. Every Southern Baptist family was urged to sponsor a refugee family. People ate rice and tea dinners at \$50 a plate to raise funds. Food for the Hungry, World Relief and other Church agencies joined the government and secular institutions in at-sea rescues, feeding and resettlement.

The response to the "boat people" set the example and was followed by a massive response to the Cambodian horror. Millions of dollars were pledged by denominations, UNICEF, the Red Cross, Christian relief organizations and others. Tons of food and medical supplies were shipped. Students skipped meals with funds going to Cambodia. Church and governmental pressure was put on Cambodian officials to get the food and supplies from the borders into the country.

As the Church stands on the threshold of 1980, Cambodia has become the "in" project. For thousands of Cambodians it is too little, too late. For others, it will be compassion received in time. One can only ponder how the 1980 record will read.

Here's what transpired in other religious arenas in 1979:

DENOMINATIONS

The Southern Baptists became the "jot and tittle" denomination. "Inerrant" Dr. Adrian Roberts was elected Convention president, Bible conferences featured preaching, prayer and denunciations of liberalism.

Certain Greek Orthodox Church officials came calling to condemn the SBC's appointment of two Boston-area missionaries to Greeks.

The Methodists suffered an image problem (the continuing Pacific Homes Furor) and hired a public relations firm to take its temperature. Then malpractice insurance was added to its clergy's insurance plan.

Two major Presbyterian bodies—UPC/USA and SPC—held their first joint worship service since the Civil War.

The Lutherans repeated 1978, with more dialogues and working papers. The heaviest action was with the Roman Catholics: joint Reformation services were held and justification was the key issue. A Catholic ecumenical official promised the two bodies would "one day dance together." Sitting that dance out will be the Lutheran editor (WELS) who wrote that Lutherans must stress the idea that the Pope is the

anti-Christ.

The Episcopalians had no problem with women celebrating Mass but could they be lesbians? The 10 denomination COCU group's call for another meeting was met by yawns. Salvation Army membership was up 60 percent in 2 decades. The predictable GARBC ripped "The Year of the Child," the Communists and the IRS.

A section in the Disciples of Christ Convention program book headed "In Memoriam . . . In loving memory of those who have served the church—ministers, missionaries, educators, unit leaders and wives," the list numbered "Jones, James Warren—Johnstown, Guyana—November 18, 1978."

EVANGELISM

"The times they are a-changin'." Billy Graham held crusades in Milwaukee and Australia, and began publicizing the Association's charitable giving to counter criticisms, and found the Association with a near \$1 million deficit.

Here's Life raised over \$100 million to saturate the world with the Gospel by 1982, the first evangelists in 13 years entered East Germany, Christians demonstrated against anti-conversion bills in India and Israel, and the first evangelization since 1940 took place in Estonia.

MISSIONS

Rather than a land rush into China, the Church re-examined the inscrutabilities and took the slow boat instead. Bibles were introduced, radio broadcasts beamed and indigenous churches reopened. News filtered back of lines at churches and even assistance from the Chinese government. A Nanking theology professor called the mission opportunity "unprecedented."

Good and bad news alternated from Russia and the Communist bloc. Amnesty International reported harassment of thousands of Russian believers. Czechoslovakia deported three U.S. Bible smugglers. The Soviet press stepped up a campaign against the Church as a tool of "international imperialism." Baptists were reported arrested, even at weddings. After 30 years of Communist rule, however, 10 million East Germans still register themselves as Christians.

Mexico accused Wycliffe Bible Translators of being in cahoots with the CIA and canceled its working agreement. The World Council of Churches kept finding guerrilla groups who could use the money. Roman Catholic Latin American bishops called Jesus Christ the "liberator" of their continent.

One of every two Canadians wasn't going to church, the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability was organized to promote "voluntary financial disclosure among evangelical agencies and acceptance of uniform standards," and Charles Colson, after being shouted down by his Arlington, Virginia, neighbors for wanting to move his Prison

Fellowship there, decided he didn't want the ex-offenders exposed to this element.

Globally, Christianity suffered large statistical losses in the Western world but showed huge gains in Third World countries and south Asia. In the process an American missionary was kidnapped in the Philippines and missionaries fled Turkey, Iran and several African nations.

EDUCATION

The most significant triumph was in the area of pressure from the Internal Revenue Service to revoke tax exemptions of schools practicing, in the IRS view, racial discrimination. The Church came out swinging and sent the IRS walls tumbling down after months of offense and counter-offense. Congress eventually amended several bills to tie the IRS hands on the issue.

North Carolina and Kentucky again led the fight against state government regulation of an intervention in private Christian school matters. The latest battleground was state-mandated student competency tests, which the schools refused to participate in.

In Kentucky, the court ruled the state cannot prescribe standards for teachers and textbooks in private and parochial schools. Indiana passed several "church freedom" laws, even exempting day care centers from certain state licensing. The activity spread: Bob Jones University beat the IRS on a tax exemption rap; Maine was the latest hotbed of Christian schools; and the private school movement gathered quiet but growing support in the SBC, long known for its support of public education.

The recurring voice for reading, 'riting, 'rithmatic and prayer in public schools was heard. The Supreme Court voted 7-2 to refuse to re-open debate on the highly charged issue. In Tennessee a "neutral" Bible study program was approved.

PUBLISHING

A Bible translation, a campus newspaper and an Indian (?) were major newsmakers.

Thomas Nelson Publishing unveiled its three and one-half million dollar baby, the New King James Bible—New Testament, which hit the scene in a whirl of promotion met by polite applause. The whole Bible is to be released in 1981.

Reader's Digest worried fundamentalists with its announcement of a projected Bible condensation; Soviet authorities permitted the printing of 20,000 Bibles and 25,000 hymnals, but there was no abatement in Bible smuggling; and the Chinese version of the complete Living Bible was released in Hong Kong.

Moody Press declared the books of author Crying Wind "out of print" when the identity and background of the best-selling author came into serious scrutiny after years of questions. While bookstore owners bemoaned the blacklisting of a marketable commodity, both Moody and Crying Wind main-

tained silence rather than possibly speak with forked tongue.

The Christian Booksellers Convention (St. Louis) drew a record number of visitors, exhibitors and bookstores represented; postal rates increased 625 percent in Australia, and U.S. publishers fought the good lobbying fight in Congress to stay in business.

BROADCASTING

The broadcast media hopped around the world, bringing the Gospel to more listeners and viewers than were ever before reached. Along the way there were the casualties and the newsmakers.

The PTL television network tried to get its act together but with every finger in the dike there was a leak elsewhere. In January, Jim Bakker declared the money troubles over through a "miracle bigger than I asked for," but, like some miracles, it was spelled m-i-r-a-g-e.

The Federal Communications Commission launched an investigation of PTL's television fundraising. This was met by thousands of protest letters. In November, Heritage Village, the PTL complex, received tax exempt status but was ordered to pay \$8,000 in delinquent back taxes.

The National Federation of Decency grew in followers and influence. CBS was the main target, especially the "Flesh and Blood" show that paraded incest as the latest TV titillation. Liquor manufacturer Hueblein and a subsidiary, Kentucky Fried Chicken, were roasted for their sponsorship of "violence, vulgarity, immorality and profanity" on TV. The sponsors claimed their shows were hardly an original recipe.

The Mexican government refused to lift restrictions against evangelical programming; the showing of "Holocaust" led to tips on war criminals; the "electric church" was criticized as being a tool of the "new right"; broadcast deregulation died in Congress; officials in Hong Kong reported listener response from mainland China to Bible reading programs was "increasingly spectacular."

In the "news-we've-all-been-waiting-for" department, the Christian Broadcasting Network started casting a Christian soap opera, promising to feature "the full gamut of tempestuous emotions."

LIFESTYLES

Soldiering was the year's most unpopular lifestyle. Even old men, who usually send young men off to war, came out against it. With the volunteer army apparently a shambles, draft soundings were taken. It was opposed by the peace churches, Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, and the Carter administration before the House voted 252-163 against a proposal to revive 18-year-old male registration.

Senator Bob Dole grabbed headlines with his Federal cult hearings but grudgingly turned them into "seminars" after being admonished by religious,

government and charitable groups. Hare Krishna stocked arms but was withdrawn in airports. The Unification Church's street take was again in the millions.

More and more Christians moved forcefully into political action with Christian Voice, SBC's Christian Citizenship Corp, and other official and unofficial organizations lobbying and politicking. The activity drew both praise and censure. There were 30 million abortions worldwide. "Pro-Life" and "Pro-Choice" advocates held marches in Washington.

Fundamental and conservative Christians continued to be the dam holding back the Equal Rights Amendment. Moody Bible Institute forced out Professor Stanley Gundry, reportedly over his wife's pro-ERA views and the resultant threat of withheld contributions. California pastor John MacArthur bit the bullet after his sermon stating women should not work outside the home, saying he had been misunderstood.

President Carter called religious leaders to a summit and urged them to back his economic and energy proposals. First Lady Rosalynn Carter placated "Year of the Child" opponents by stressing the church's role in family rearing. The number of unmarried couples living together doubled in the decade. Four Indiana teenagers faced reckless homicide charges following an Amish infant's death from a thrown stone, capping weeks of harassment of the Amish.

Homosexuality concerned the Church. Anita Bryant made magazine covers and "most admired" lists and opened a center for gays. The Methodists released contradicting studies on the place and rights of gays. Lesbians were appointed to leadership positions in several denominations.

NEWSMAKERS AND EVENTS

The most publicized U.S. religious event was the visit of Pope John Paul II, playing to record crowds. Afterwards, some questioned who should pay for the \$10 million papal visit costs, and a reported Vatican cover-up of a financial scandal got lost in the shuffle.

One could still obtain Christian comic books and Christian yellow pages, and boycotts intensified against J. P. Stevens and Nestles.

And the 1979 award for Worst Impersonation of a Holy Man goes to Ayatollah Khomeini.

AND FINALLY . . .

Of all the bizarre EP News "And Finally . . ." items, we liked this one best. It seems to typify a year that has a question mark at its conclusion and remains partially undone.

A letter to the editor in the February issue of *Moody Monthly* magazine stated "Ordinarily I am not the kind of person to write letters to magazine editors. However, in this case I felt I had to."

End of letter.

End of 1979.



Women Manifesting Christ

Missionary Birthdays

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(If no address is listed, the address will be found on pages 28 and 29 of the 1980 Brethren Annual.)

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Suzanne Mensinger April 9, 1969
Deborah Austin April 26, 1965
Miss Evelyn Tschetter April 29

ARGENTINA

Rev. Solon Hoyt April 2
Rev. Ralph Robinson April 6

BRAZIL

Rev. Norman Johnson April 15
Miss Barbara Hulse April 27
Mrs. Timothy Farmer April 29
Jonathan Farmer April 29, 1971

FRANCE

Mary Alice (Molly) Hudson April 10, 1972

GERMANY

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Offering Opportunity

GRACE SCHOOLS OFFERING

Goal — \$8,000

WMC project money this year will go to purchase equipment and materials for aiding Grace students in teaching handicapped. Monies will also provide dark-room equipment and facilities for the nursing skills laboratory. This project offering is due March 10, 1980.



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Home Run

by Linda Dilling

Our three year old, Ricky, is looking forward to the day when he will be a dad. We did the right thing in beginning sex education early by letting our boys know they would grow up to be men like Dad, and that our girl would grow up to be a woman like Mom.

But this left Ricky with one big question, "How?" Oh, he believed it all right! We found him standing in front of the hall mirror pointing directly at himself and repeating, "You're going to be a dad, you're going to be a dad." But we knew by his frequent mention of it that something about the whole idea still bothered him. "How?"

One night riding home in the car he finally got it all figured out. After hearing stories in Sunday school about Eve being made from Adam's rib, and stories of doctors and operations and broken bones, and feeling his own bones through his skin, he understood how it was going to happen. He turned to his Dad and, with all seriousness, said: "Someday God's going to put handles on my shoulders and pull me up like this (and he demonstrated how); then He's going to cut me open and take out all my little bones, and put in all big bones and hook me back together so you can't see (scars). Then I'll be a dad."

We had to agree that was a very good idea. It had taken a lot of thinking with all the available information.

We, too, will have a different body someday. We really believe it. Some of us may have some funny ideas of how we'll be put together, and what we will look like. But we forbear each other because we know our conclusions are based on limited available information. Praise God that when we have those bodies they will be fashioned the way He decided. Then we will know how it all happened. The important thing is that we really believe that when He appears, "we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is" (1 John 3:2 NASB).

by Linda Hoke

Recently a friend of ours who spent two years in Africa as a TIME missionary came to stay with us for a few days as she returned to the States. In transit one of the gourds that she received while in Africa was broken.

She was ready to discard it as she had brought many things with her as she returned. Being the frustrated interior decorator that I am, I saw many possibilities for such an art piece and retrieved it from the discarded trash.

I tried all kinds of glue and nothing seemed to work. Kathy seemed to know what she was doing more and more as I tried to replace each piece. I finally got all the pieces back in their original place, but it was indeed more fragile than ever before.

It was then that I realized that our Maker can mend us better than any glue. When it seems as though we will never again be useful for His intended purpose as the gourd could never again hold exotic African fare, if we but put our trust in Christ, He is the glue, the Mender, that can give life anew. Not only this, but also the mending of our hearts will make us stronger than before, not fragile as the gourd.

That gourd now hangs on my wall, a constant reminder of the work of missions in the C.A.R. If we can be mended by the Maker, we can be used as a reminder to the world of the redeeming love of God.

by Mrs. Joyce Field

"But I Thought You Said"

I waited at "Wendy's" hamburger shop. Our WMC guest speaker waited at "Winn-Dixie." We never did find each other. Telephone calls to rectify the situation were to no avail. Another communication gap! Over the phone the two names sounded familiar especially to one who was not familiar with our part of town. A telephone call after our meeting explained the situation and our speaker graciously offered to come another time.

This communication mix-up reminded me of two similar incidents. My aging grandfather answered the phone. The call was for his housekeeper, Daisy Laine. Since his hearing is slightly impaired, he didn't exactly understand who the caller was asking for and yelled into the receiver, "forty days of rain." Then there was the time my son on his return from a ball game told his grandmother a different place to pick him up. She related to me that he would be at Gary King's home, next to the school. I did not know where Gary lived, but figured if it was near the school I would have no trouble finding my six foot son. I ran up and down the street knocking on doors inquiring the whereabouts of Gary King's house when in reality my son was waiting at the Dairy Queen below the school.

Yes, communication gaps can be humorous, in retrospect. They can be frustrating, time-consuming and can also cause hurt feelings, misunderstanding and divisions. Sometimes they are just the excuse someone is looking for to break off relationships. How refreshing to think of Heaven where we will all be in perfect harmony. In Heaven, our motives and meanings will be pure and completely understood by all. What a glorious hope!

Editor's Note: Mrs. Field realized her glorious hope when she was received into her Lord's presence, August 25, 1979.

On Reading the Bible Through

I supposed I knew my Bible

*Reading piecemeal, hit or miss,
Now a bit of John or Matthew,*

*Now a snatch of Genesis,
Certain chapters of Isaiah,
Certain Psalms (the twenty-third),
Twelfth of Romans, first of Proverbs—*

Yes, I thought I knew the Word!

But I found that thorough reading

Was a different thing to do,

And the way was unfamiliar

When I read the Bible through.

You, who like to play at Bible

Dip and dabble, here and there,

Just before you kneel away

And yawn through a hurried prayer;

You, who treat the Crown of Writings

As you treat no other book—

Just a paragraph disjointed

Just a crude, impatient look—

Try a broad and steady view;

You will kneel in very rapture

When you read the Bible through!

by Amos R. Wells

SMM is the only girls' organization that is truly Grace Brethren. It offers information, learning activities, and missions emphasis that each girl in a GBC will benefit from. Support it with your prayers, giving your time and contributing generously to the National SMM offering due in April. As WMC ladies sponsoring a daughter organization, let's not be guilty of child neglect.

Sent of God

Dear Friend,

"Sent of God" is such an exciting study—seeing how God used all kinds of folks in all kinds of ways to accomplish His purpose. And the excitement just builds as we learn how He can use us in our situations if we allow the Spirit to work in us. The theme song is really beautiful and I'm sure will be a blessing as you are learning it.

Your meetings should be getting out of the same old rut (if you were in one, that is). Different, unusual, creative, and stimulating are just a few words that should be heard as an evaluation of your meetings. Stress *missions*, **MISSIONS**, MiSsIoNs, **missions** in every possible way.

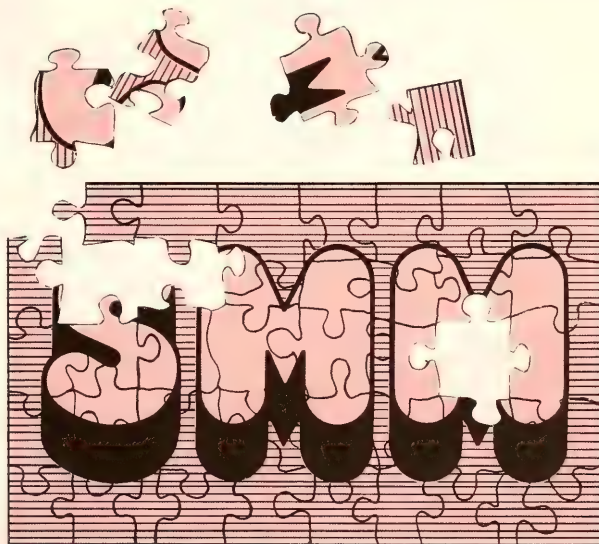
Joyfully sent,

Miriam

Mrs. Dan Pacheco

National WMC president

MISSIONS



October 1, 1979

Mrs. Miriam Pacheco
President, W.M.C.
413 Kings Highway
Winona Lake, IN 46590

Dear Miriam:

I want to express my personal thanks to you, and each member of the national WMC for the financial support provided for the Nursing Program this year. Your \$2,000 gift has allowed us to equip the nursing simulation laboratory with two hospital beds, scales, a wheelchair and several other essential pieces of equipment.

The Lord has been so faithful in meeting *every* need which has arisen since the inception of our program. He has provided vibrant, qualified nursing faculty and intelligent, enthusiastic students. (I am excited to tell you that the response to the program has been so overwhelming that we already have the class for September, 1980 filled!) But more importantly, in addition to all of the "things" which God has provided, He has supplied committed Christians, such as the WMC ladies, who stand behind us in prayer.

Thank you for your concern, prayers and participation in the preparation of Christian nurses.

In His service,



Barbara C. Woodring
Director of Nursing Programs

BW/gm

WMC Idea File

Here is a Word Search Puzzle used for our mission study on Germany.

Search the puzzle for words about our German mission field—diagonal, vertical, horizontal, forward, or backward. There are 16 words.
Germany
Bonn
Pappas
Peugh
John
Rebecca
Monica
German
Frey
Roger
Nancy
Ryan
Philip
Lamar
Stuttgart
Church Planting

G E R B L H I P R N A R L B
I N F E U G C R N E Y H C W
P H I R C L B T G I H P R P
G O G T R A G T T U T S E I
F R Y O N A N C Y U C E G J
N B I N M A G E R M A N O R
A P H L P R L X D O Y H R O
H C S A P P A P P N N W Y N
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before**

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We want to ask for your help in a very special and substantial way at a very critical and exciting time for us.

Please don't turn the page and look unless you are ready for a surprise and a rather momentous occasion for our ministry with Christian ed, youth, and church growth. But with a prayer and a bit of readiness to consider a very possible solution for a problem we have, please turn the page and see if you can help us move for the Lord.

Knut Larson

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 6. We pray.
 7. We consult with owners, realtors, and our board.
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 9. We keep praying.
 10. They accept the offer.
 11. We come to you and ask for help!
 12. And for your prayers and financial support to move!
 13. Could you help us move? We need \$20,000 down, right away . . . and would love to have more so payments would be smaller. Does God have 100 people out there with gifts of \$100, and a few with large, large help, and many, many with other gifts?
 14. We're asking God to bless this appeal as He has blessed our ministries with churches and pastors and youth and Barnabas and TIME and seminars and *HMMM* and the *Herald* and other things recently . . .
- We hope someone out there at your house will bring it up with others to see what you or your family could do to help us get an office home.
15. We're hoping somewhere there will be several who will make substantially large gifts too, because of the great impact our part in lives and hearts has had and will continue to have.
 16. Could you help us move?
 17. We thank you, from the bottom of our hearts!

Could We Describe the Home for You Please, So You Know How It Would Work:

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\$20,000 down payment, due mid-February
70,000 balance
90,000
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\$100,000 total need

Help Us Move?

FROM THE BEGINNING

*A sense of missions,
a love for commitment*



From the front



From the back



Reception-secretaries area, and doors to some of the seven offices

Leo Polman used to walk into this office when he was in Winona Lake and put his arm around my shoulder, or that of Howard Mayes before me, and Pop Etling before him, and talk about the good old days at Camp Bethany.

And the early days of our ministries with youth and Christian education in the churches.

But he never talked about that without talking about now, and encouraging, and thanking the staff and others for what was happening.

When he helped get that first ministry for our churches going, or when Pop Etling started to pour his life into the Sunday school board, dreams for a mission with the kind of advantages and ministry opportunities we have now were far away.

Those faithful pioneers, now with the Lord, probably could not quite have dreamed of the day when we had as much material going out to pastors and churches and when 64 teen-agers go out in one summer on extended Barnabas tours and when short-term TIME missionaries with us turn around in growing numbers and go back to the mission fields full-time and when our SMM girls programs were used to help so many girls in our own Fellowship and now in others and when the Timothy Teams ministry spirit would be having an effect in the whole Grace College student body and when we would be getting such good reception with our version of youth programs excellent for the decade of the '80s and when 1,700 people would walk through the Bible with us and when a Senior Medal of Ministry award would be just for people over 65 and when 6 of our churches would be running over 600, and therefore in the top percentile in the nation and when 26 of our churches would be hitting over 300 on a Sunday morning. . . .

Or then maybe that was the very day they dreamed of!

What a time we're having together, making their dreams and more, inspired by the Lord, come true.

Thank you for helping us move!



Mom Etling talks about our moving

"I was just thinking about the long stride Christian Education has taken from the bare necessities. We used to share a room with the youth council, used our personal typewriter and borrowed other equipment from other people." That's what Mom (Mrs. Harold) Etling had to say when we told her about our planned move. "It took awhile to educate people that we were a department and an arm of the church that effects all areas of ministry. To me CE is the basis and foundation of all departments—evangelism arm of the Sunday school, informs youth in support of missions."

"Pop would be very happy . . . he would enjoy anything that would enhance the position and show growth. He would be glad for anything that would indicate progress."

Mrs. Etling still has a strong interest in Christian Education. "I love young people and I know you're answering the needs."

For 17 years Dr. Etling—known as Mr. Sunday School to many—spread his heart as director of GBC Christian Education. We build upon his heritage. The picture is Mom with Miss Ginny Toroian, administrative assistant now at GBC Christian Education. Ginny said, "Often Mrs. Etling will just call the office to say she's thinking of us and praying for a special ministry. She's something!"

Says Mrs. Etling, "I pray that the Lord will keep giving wisdom in carrying on the good work." She commented on the strong spiritual emphasis CE has in its ministries. "I guess you need a good facility to help continue with that!"

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May we hear from you? Soon? Our deepest thanks!

by Margery F. Brubaker

Margery's husband was assistant pastor at the Grace Brethren Church, Palmyra, Pa., prior to enrolling at Grace Seminary

Your Pastor's Wife

Needs You

Wait! I know she needs you. Things for her aren't at all like you imagine.

For four years my husband was an associate pastor in a small town church. At age 23 I was overwhelmed by all the qualifications of the stereotyped minister's wife.

I thought I had to be perfect. After all, wives of many pastors I knew became objects of criticism if they didn't "toe the mark." The shy ones were labeled "unfriendly"; the less talented, "hindrances to their husband's work"; the inexperienced, "immature."

The shining example I was supposed to be crumbled before my mirror. Failure was all I could see; especially in comparison to other pastors' wives who seemed to be all I dreamed I should be. How could I ever measure up?

I couldn't pinpoint my need. I felt unprepared for my new role, yet I didn't know where to go for help. As the weeks and months unfolded, I learned the people of the church were the ones who could help me.

Your pastor's wife needs you to help her become the person God wants her to be. Sometimes she confuses that person with an imaginary superwoman. Many impressions of the parsonage woman have evolved into an unhealthy and unrealistic role. Anything mechanical or artificial cannot be presented as a godly example of womanhood. Let your pastor's wife know that you want her to relax and be herself.

Moving from church to church can bring special adjustment problems since every church has its own personality. You can help your pastor's wife through the transition. Give her time

to get to know you. Reach out to her. Break the ice. Soon she'll be reaching back.

If you are older than your pastor's wife, you have special privileges. Biblical teaching sets a precedent—older women are to teach the younger. Don't ever think you have nothing to offer. If your pastor's wife is thinking clearly, she will appreciate your input.

But don't be intimidated if your pastor's wife is older than you. She should welcome your fresh ideas and creative approach.

To my relief, many of our church women knew my need. They knew their scriptural directives and obeyed them.

One motherly woman gave me two dozen canning jars and a bushel of unpeeled peaches. She didn't leave this city-bred girl wondering what to do next, but taught me the art of canning. By handing me a simple tool she filled a practical need. She added to my knowledge of how to be a better "keeper at home." An emotional need was filled too; kindness and love came in those jars.

Another woman prayed with me each week. Warm tea and a gentle heart let me trust her with my thoughts and feelings. An intimate atmosphere of acceptance and concern filled a need again.

You may have a valuable skill or insight. Maybe tender thoughtfulness is your greatest asset. If you give it in love, you can fill needs you never dreamed exist in the life of your pastor's wife.

Above all, display support by your words and actions. You know the Bible directs every individual to be an example of the believer, not just the pastor's wife. Your support will dispel her fear and loneliness and she will no longer feel the pressure of a human standard. She'll be free to serve the Lord.

*What?
My pastor's wife
needs me?
You
obviously
don't know
our pastor's wife!
She plays the piano,
can comfortably speak
to any group
and always gives
good advice.
Her house is
incredibly spotless,
even when I
drop by unexpectedly.
The last person
she needs
is
me!*



From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches
and the Evangelical Press Association

marriages

Heartly congratulations to, and may God's blessings rest always upon, these new families who join the *Brethren Missionary Herald* readership. A six-month free subscription to the *Herald* is given to newlyweds whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Carol Wright and Richard Howell, Sept. 22, First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Maison, Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. James Misener, Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Siemon, Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich.

change your annual

□ Grace Brethren Church, P.O. Box 4067, CRS, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601. □ Grace Brethren Church, Maitland, Fla.: Tel. 305/628-8816. □ As of Dec. 23, Roy Polman became pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Elyria, Ohio. Mr. Polman's new address is 783 Finwood Court, Elyria, Ohio 44035 (Tel. 216/366-5195). □ The First Brethren Church of Portis, Kans., has officially changed its name to the Grace Brethren Church of Portis, Kans. □ Richard Rohrer, 9282 Nancy Ave., Cypress, Calif. 90630 (Tel. 714/828-8965) is pastor of the Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. The secretary for this church is: Pauline Willems, 3821 E. 15th St., 90804 (Tel. 213/433-4132). □ As of Nov. 25, Timothy Waggoner became the new pastor at the Grace Brethren Chapel, Fremont, Ohio.

□ The Riverside Grace Brethren Church has a new youth pastor as of last October. Steve Howell has replaced Bob Bolton, who moved to Irasburg, Vt., to work in the ministry there. Steve and his wife, Sherie, came to the Riverside church from Coral Springs, Florida.

□ Members of the Grace Brethren Church at Fremont, Ohio, and Pastor Lee Friesen are rejoicing over the addition of 21 new members to the church roll during the month of November.

□ Richard Cron, pastor of the Sacramento Grace Brethren Church, Sacramento, Calif., resigned from that position at the end of December. He has accepted the challenge of pastoring the Community Grace Brethren Church at La Mirada, Calif., which was formed by the Whittier (Community) church. Lee Burris is serving as interim pastor at the Sacramento church until another pastor is called. Please change your *Annual*.

deaths

Notices in this column must be submitted in writing by the pastor.

BOOMER, John, 89, Dec. 3, lifelong member of the Grace Brethren Church of Portis, Kans. Clarence Lackey, pastor.

KURTZ, Paul, 78, Nov. 15, member of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind., and a previous longtime member and a former moderator of the Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind. David Plaster, pastor.

LEIBFREID, Ralph, July 31, faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Charles Martin, pastor.

LICHTY, Arthur, 77, Nov. 20, faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Elyria, Ohio. Roy Polman, pastor.

MILLER, Lydia, 64, Nov. 12, member of the Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Alto, Mich. Robert Moeller, pastor.

REED, Charles, 84, Dec. 1, Grace Brethren Church, Hemet, Calif. Sheldon Perrine, pastor.

RIFFLE, Madelyn, Nov. 8, Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa. Shimer Darr, pastor.

WARD, Roger, 42, Dec. 13, a faithful member of the Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif. Mr. Ward will be remembered for his ministry with the youth, senior citizens, and the love and helpfulness he always gave to others. His life truly was a "giving living" life. Nickolas Kurtaneck, pastor, and Edward Clark, assistant pastor.

WELK, Harry, 82, Nov. 1, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

meetings

Rev. Mason Cooper is scheduled to speak at the following Grace Brethren churches:

Temple City, Calif., February 20 and 24; David Willett, pastor.

Galion, Ohio, March 9 to 16, Maynard Tittle, pastor.

Clayhole, Ky., March 23 to 30 (a.m.), Clyde Landrum, pastor.

Dryhill, Ky., March 30 (p.m.) to April 6, Sam Baer, pastor.

Johnstown, Pa., April 13 to 18, Charles Martin, pastor.

Milroy, Pa., April 20 to 27, Richard Horner, pastor.

Sterling, Ohio, May 4 to 9, Arthur Sprunger, pastor.

Dr. Robert B. Collitt, Stewardship Counselor for the Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service, will be speaking at the following Grace Brethren churches: Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va., March 30-April 2, D. Michael Wingfield, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Richmond, Va., April 13-16, Kurt Miller, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Virginia Beach, Va., April 20-23, Dean Hertzler, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, Temple Hills, Md., April 27-30, James Dixon, pastor.

☐ Nov. 4-9, 1979, the Grace Brethren Church of Albuquerque, N. Mex., held an evangelistic crusade with Rev. Frank Gonzales, and the Freedom Sound of the Frank Gonzales Evangelistic Association of Elkhart, Ind. During the 7 services, the attendance averaged 117 people per service, with a high of 140 on the last night. There were 65 decisions for salvation and rededication during the 6-day crusade. The Freedom Sound also presented programs in 2 Christian schools, 1 public school, 1 Catholic school, 2 radio stations, a drug rehabilitation center, and the Albuquerque ministerial alliance. Plans are being made for another crusade in April of this year with other churches involved. Donald Jentes, pastor.

☐ Pastor Ward Miller of the Osceola, Ind., Brethren church, conducted a Family Life Conference at the North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church.

☐ Looking for a youth director or assistant pastor? Confidential resumes are available upon request from GBC Christian Education, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Those seeking such positions may also contact the above address.

☐ The Centerville Grace Brethren Church, Centerville, Ohio, dedicated their new church facilities on Oct.

21, 1979. More than 200 persons were in attendance, including several area pastors who participated in the service. The dedicatory message was brought by Rev. Forrest Jackson, pastor of the "mother" church. Friends and members of the Centerville and Dayton, Ohio (First) Brethren churches built the structure over a period of 11 months.

Invitations to a "Getting To Know You" buffet were sent to Centerville area residents, and 115 persons responded to a time of fellowship on Oct. 28, 1979. Jack Redrow is pastor.



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Before the Days of Shortages

by Lester E. Pifer

In Exodus, chapter 36, we find a phenomenal event! Asked to contribute to the material needs of building the Tabernacle, the Children of Israel superseded the need. Such was their response that the people had to be "restrained" from giving to the Lord!

Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work (Ex. 36:6-7 NIV).

One of the most amazing things about this passage is the motivation used to induce such an overwhelming response. Looking in the context we fail to find computerized mailings, offering "incentives," strategic goals or even a stewardship banquet. Although our twentieth century fund-raising techniques may be completely valid, it is extremely interesting to note the simplicity of Moses' methods.

Moses said to the whole Israelite community, "This is what the Lord has commanded: Take from what you have, an offering for the Lord. Everyone who is willing is to bring the Lord an offering..." (Ex. 35:4-5).

Speaking with the authority of the Lord, Moses simply asked for an offering. He did not suggest an amount, appeal to their emotions or beg. He just stated a need. He even eliminated "pressure" altogether by clarifying that only those who were "willing" should give unto the Lord.

The secret of Moses' success was that everyone, or so it seems, was "willing." In the 39 verses of this passage, "willing," or related words, appears 9 times. The hearts of God's people were moved—and they re-

sponded!

Approximately 475 years after the Tabernacle was completed, we see another surplus of building funds. This time, King David appeals to the nation of Israel for gifts related to the construction of the Temple. Setting the example of "over-and-above" giving, David is witness to the generous giving of God's chosen race (read 1 Chron. 29:1-20).

Rejoicing in the wholehearted response of Israel, David gives us a commentary of the proper attitude of giving, stated in the form of a prayer:

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand... it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity... I [have] given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you (1 Chron. 29:14-17 NIV).

Certainly a willing, wholehearted, cheerful giver is what God is after. And yet, as David said, are not we just returning back to God what is already His?

A secondary factor in this nation's response to God was the purpose of the offering. Individuals were eager to participate in the building of God's house. Whether it involved a gift of gold or that of time and skill, there were no shortages of resources.

BIF investors have complete assurance that their savings are being used by the Lord's people in church planting and church expanding ministries. God does hold us responsible for our stewardship. Here is another opportunity to share in building new testimonies for Christ across this nation and in our neighboring country of Canada.

Entering their twenty-fifth year of service, the Brethren Investment Foundation offers the members of our Fellowship the joy of participating in building houses of worship. By depositing money in the BIF open passbook accounts, investors not only discover a convenient method of saving but also know that their money is being used in the establishment of strong local churches.

Our priority though is not in buildings but rather in the "establishment of strong local churches." Christ's atoning power rent the veil and brought God's indwelling Spirit out of the Temple and into the lives of individual believers. Thus the New Testament Church is not found in the form of a building but rather in a group of Christians united in the bond of Christ (see Eph. 2:19-22).

Yet, in our American society, buildings are important. Where would you be worshipping on Sundays if it were not for buildings? How many friends could you consistently attract to a meadow or even your home for worship services? Geographic areas, even within our own nation, often are responsible for how we answer such questions. What may be totally acceptable in some communities seems unthinkable in others.

Viewed as one element in our entire church planting ministry, the BIF performs an important role in enabling young growing churches to make realistic plans about future facilities. Available money at low interest rates offer these churches a service that could not be obtained anywhere else.

Like Old Testament times, God's people have the opportunity to participate in building His church. As you read other articles in this issue concerning the Brethren Investment Foundation, consider how your savings might be put to work for the Lord!

An Investment Plan for You—

BIF Offers Highest Interest Available!

Celebrating 25 years of service for the Grace Brethren Fellowship, the Brethren Investment Foundation continues to offer its investors the highest possible interest rates on non-term investments.

Compounded continually, these high-yield returns are not to be found in the uncertainty of today's currency but rather in eternal dividends. Functioning much like a savings and loan organization, the BIF is able to employ savings deposits in making low interest rate loans available to growing Grace Brethren churches. Investors then, not only enjoy the privileges of a reputable savings institution with 6.02 percent annual interest, but also know that their money is reaping eternal rewards as gospel "strongholds" are established for the effective communication of God's Holy Word.

The concept of a Brethren "savings and loan" organization became a reality on June 23, 1955. Faced with an inability to attain funding for the building programs of rapidly growing Home Missions churches, the Board of Directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council set into motion the Brethren Investment Foundation. Offering Home Missions churches 5½ percent interest on growth related loans, the Foundation was quickly recognized as an important link in Brethren church growth. By the end of that first year 300 customer ac-

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An Interview with



Walter Fretz

Eight and nine percent money, investor motivation, security of funds, and the BIF's future are topics for discussion.

WHY SHOULD BRETHREN INVEST IN THE BIF?

Without the Brethren Investment Foundation the growth of our Fellowship would be greatly restricted. As the Brethren Home Missions Council endeavors to establish strong local churches in communities throughout this nation, financing for property purchases and building construction would be next to impossible without the help of the BIF. Even though the Council has strong assets and excellent credit, local lending institutions would typically grant the loan based on the assets and financial security of the local church. With money currently being tight, even if a young church could obtain a loan the interest rate would be a tremendous burden.

WHAT KIND OF SAVINGS THEN CAN YOU OFFER LOCAL CHURCHES?

Well first, assuming adequate customer deposits, we can offer churches money. That is significant when, as I said, many new churches would have a tough time just trying to obtain a local loan. But with respect to interest rates—in our August board meeting the rate structure for loans and customer deposits was reset. Interest on customer deposits went from 5.25 to 5.85 percent with continuous compounding—which yields an annual earnings of 6.02 percent. Loans for Home Mission churches are scheduled at 8 percent. Churches with existing loans that desire the loan to be reset for an additional building or improvements will have the loan structured at 9 percent. Established churches have the

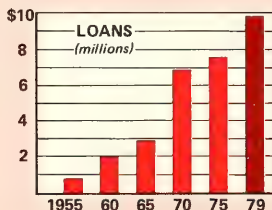
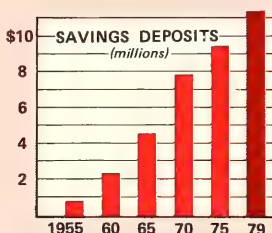
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counts were opened, totaling nearly \$800,000.

BIF customers soon learned the convenience of "banking by mail." Located in Winona Lake, Indiana, the Brethren Investment Foundation developed an efficiency in processing business reply mail. "Same day service" made deposits and withdrawals as close as the investor's mail box.

Offering good customer service, the BIF experienced phenomenal growth. By 1960, just five years after incorporation, savings deposits passed the two million dollar mark. Doubling again, deposits reached 4.5 million dollars in 1965 and continued on in steady growth to reach today's level 11.1 million dollars.



Providing Home Mission's loans for property purchases and building construction is the Investment Foundation's expertise. Often the only loans obtainable for newly established churches, these low interest loans are saving churches thousands of valuable dollars.

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opportunity of obtaining loans at rates from 8% to 9% percent, when meeting designated deposit requirements.

WHAT DO THESE RATES MEAN IN TERMS OF ACTUAL DOLLARS?

At the present time a fairly common prime rate among banks is 15½ percent for short term commercial loans. In some cases long term loans and mortgages may cost 12 percent. On a \$200,000 20-year mortgage loan, a Home Missions church could save \$127,000 in interest expenses by obtaining a BIF 8 percent loan rather than a 12 percent mortgage loan.

HOW CAN ESTABLISHED CHURCHES OBTAIN BIF LOANS?

In our present situation, the easiest way for an established church to obtain a BIF loan is through designated deposits. We would work with the church to determine what level of new money would have to be deposited, through individuals in the church, in order for a loan of "X" amount of dollars to be granted. In some cases, a group of churches may be able to rally new deposits in order to help a district point obtain funding. We are glad to work with established churches along these lines.

BACK TO MY ORIGINAL QUESTION—WHY DO PEOPLE INVEST IN THE BIF? WHAT BENEFITS DO YOU OFFER THE INVESTOR?

We are able to offer what I believe is a fair earning rate to our depositors. Our continuous compounded 5.85 percent interest yields an annual earnings of 6.02 percent which is higher than open passbook accounts at banks or savings and loans. But I don't think our interest rate is the strongest motivational factor in accounts being established. I believe the number one reason why we have 3,500 customer accounts is because these investors recognize the importance of our institution. They are willing to sacrifice earnings attainable elsewhere to see their money work for the Lord! Their commitment to seeing local churches established throughout this nation is demonstrated by this sacrifice. I praise the Lord for these dedicated customers!

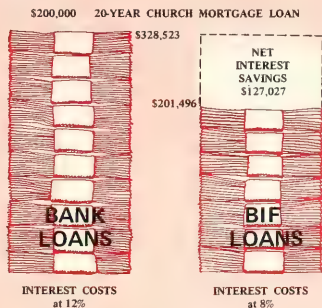
IS THERE A JUSTIFIABLE RISK OR FEAR THAT A DEPOSITOR MAY HAVE CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY AND SECURITY OF HIS MONEY?

That is a valid question. We do not have any federal insurance nor are we controlled by any federal agency like commercial savings institutions. We do, however, have a 16-17 percent liquid asset reserve which amounts to over 1.7 million dollars. This reserve enables us to meet our cash flow needs. In our 25-year history we have been able to promptly fulfill every withdrawal request and we intend to maintain that priority. As far

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At today's current rate, a church desiring a 20-year mortgage of \$200,000 could easily save \$120,000 in interest expenses by borrowing from the Brethren Investment Foundation. In this last calendar year, 14 Grace Brethren churches were able to take advantage of these low interest loans.



Facing an expanding market for Grace Brethren church loans the Foundation is forced to turn down many loan requests each year. Maintaining a solid cash reserve places a limit on loanable monies but allows customers withdrawal needs to be promptly serviced—a BIF priority. Escalating building costs also limit the number of loan grants. Inflated prices have caused loan needs to jump thereby deflating the potential usage of the 11.1 million dollars in customer deposits.

Despite a tight economy the leadership of the Brethren Investment Foundation is optimistic about its future. Convinced that God still has a use for such an organization the BIF leaders are trusting God to supply loan funds as needed. As Brethren across this country catch a Home Missions vision and understand the significance of the Brethren Investment Foundation, low interest loans (with eternal dividends for investors) will still be a tool for church growth in the 1980s!

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as security, our loans are first-mortgage loans, thereby giving the Foundation an extremely solid equity base.

HOW IS OUR CURRENT ECONOMY AFFECTING THE FOUNDATION?

We are affected in two ways. First, the growth in our customer deposits is not as strong as in previous years. People are not saving like they used to. But this is typical of all savings institutions. Secondly, inflated building costs are making our loans larger. Our loanable funds become rather limited when the average Home Missions church loan is running around \$180,000 to \$200,000. If we have to talk about \$50,000 an acre or more for land, which is not unrealistic in California and Alaska, then we begin taking some rather big chunks out of our available funds.

AT THESE PRICES, WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL FUTURE OF BIF LOANS?

"Potentially" the future of the BIF looks bright! The market for church loans in our Fellowship seems unlimited. I don't know any deacon board that would favor 12 to 13 percent money over our 8 to 9 percent loans. However, realistically we need more customer deposits! Without continued growth in our deposits the Brethren Investment Foundation will be limited to only Home Missions church loans and restricted at that! With a Home Missions goal of 52 new churches, the BIF will find itself "sitting on the sidelines" if we still have \$11.1 million in deposits come 1984. In that case, our Fellowship would face a tremendous growth-restricting obstacle—no loanable money!

IS THERE A POSITIVE SIDE TO OUR INFLATED ECONOMY?

Sure! Growth in the areas of stewardship and trust should be a natural byproduct of a tight economy. Faced with an inability to meet the many requests that we receive, our organizations will be forced to become very selective in granting loans. We have reached a point where we must determine between Home Mission churches as to which ones will receive loans. To be specific, it appears that this year we may have the available funds for three or four major building programs. That is a far cry from meeting the requests! Being selective will continually remind us to be good stewards of God's money. Limited funds and increasing needs will force us to trust God more. And that will result in our greatest growth, as we step out in faith with our goals and trust God for loanable funds, He will supply our needs!

WALTER, THANKS FOR SHARING THIS TIME WITH US!

This interview was conducted by Brad Skiles, promotional secretary for the Brethren Home Missions Council.

by Larry Chamberlain



STORE A

- PRODUCT:** Color TVs
- LOCATION:** Booklet of directions mailed on request
- PROPERTY:** Peeling paint, broken window, weeds used as wind-breakers
- MANAGEMENT:** Sloven, reads TV Guide a lot
- SERVICE:** What's that?
- ADVERTISING:** Guard dog to protect inventory, "product sells itself," no customer referrals (guess what . . .)
- SALES:** . . . no customers

STORE B

- PRODUCT:** Color TVs
- LOCATION:** Close and accessible to market
- PROPERTY:** Attractive, cared for
- MANAGEMENT:** Sharp, customer-oriented
- SERVICE:** Prompt and decisive
- ADVERTISING:** Welcome mat, yellow pages, newspaper, good customer referrals
- SALES:** Up, every year

Same products, different approach.
Given a choice, where would you buy a color TV?

Now, instead of stores and color TVs, use the above items of comparison with two hypothetical churches . . . same products.

CHURCH A

PRODUCT: John 3:16

CHURCH B

PRODUCT: John 3:16

Given a choice, where would you attend church? Or, better yet, where would your neighbors and friends?

Why an Emphasis on Jewish Evangelism?

by Doyle E. Miller

Shalom Chaverim (hello friends),

"Why an emphasis on Jewish evangelism?" is a question frequently asked by Christians as well as Jewish people. I will give you 10 reasons why we should witness to Jewish people. Before I do I want to say that I truly thank God for Brethren people across the Fellowship who share the burden for Jewish souls with the staff here in Fairfax. Brethren people across America continually remind us of their prayer support and it is evident in their giving.

God did set the nation of Israel aside but not individual Jewish people. God Himself said in Isaiah 43:1 and 44:21 that He created them, and that He would never forget them. For too many centuries there has been an emphasis on *not* reaching the Jew. I believe we do need to evangelize and to put special emphasis on reaching the Jewish people with the Gospel.

In my ministry I have opportunity to speak to many Christian people and frequently I find a root of bitterness toward the Jewish race, almost to the point of being anti-Semitic. I often quote "How odd of God to choose the Jew but not so odd as those who choose the Jewish God and hate the Jew."

Perhaps you would like to cut out the following and start a Jewish notebook. From time to time you can add information about the Jewish people as to how to evangelize and share with them, and why we do put special emphasis on Jewish evangelism.

Ten Reasons Why We Should Witness to the Jewish People

(In answer to the question, "Why an emphasis on Jewish missions?")

1. Because GOD is not finished with the Jewish people as individuals or as a nation (see Rom. 11:25-26).
 - a. According to one missionary, as stated, there are three Jewish people who trust Christ as compared to one Gentile, considering the ratio of population.
 - b. God has not cast Israel away (see Jer. 31:37; Isa. 49:15; Rom. 11:1-2, 28-29).
 - c. Neander, a Jewish historian, said that one million Jewish people accepted Jesus in the first century A.D.
2. The LORD has commanded us to preach the Gospel to all people (see Matt. 28:19; Acts 1:8; Rom. 1:16 and 10:14).
 - a. Gentiles are to make the Jewish people jealous (see Rom. 11:11).
3. God has a great love for the Jews. They are the apple of His eye (see Jer. 31:3; Matt. 25:40; Rom. 11:28). His love should compel us to love them (see 2 Cor. 5:14-15).
4. GOD is doing a special work in the hearts of the Jewish people in these last days.
 - a. The rebirth of the nation of Israel in 1948 (see Isa. 11:11-12).
 - b. There is a hunger among many Jewish people to seek their LORD (see Hosea 3:4-5).
5. A debt of love is due (see Rom. 15:27; Eph. 2:11-12).
 - a. God has blessed us through this people (see Gen. 12:1-3; John 4:22).
 - b. The Jews penned, copied and preserved the Old Testament and the New Testament.
 - c. Messiah committed His truths to the Jewish people and they were faithful in taking His salvation to the Gentiles. Example: Paul, a faithful Jewish missionary.
 - d. A Jewish virgin was the mother of our Saviour.
 - e. Jesus came as Messiah to the Jews (see Luke 1:30-33).
 - f. Our church model came from the Jewish synogogue in the form of deacons and elders.
6. Judgment will fall upon the unbelieving Jew *first* during the Tribulation (see

Rom. 2:9).

- a. We should warn them (see Jer. 31:7, 10; Ezek. 33:7-8).
7. We should pray for Israel and for the coming of Christ's Kingdom (see Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6-7; Matt. 6:9-10).
 - a. We will reign with Him (see Rev. 2:25-29, 19:14-16, 20:6; Matt. 16:28-17:11; Acts 1:6-8; Zech. 14:3-5, 9).
8. God is preparing Israel for her national day of salvation (see Ps. 105:8-11).
 - a. Events leading to that day (see Rom. 11:25-27; Matt. 24:15-22, 30; Dan. 7:13-14; Zech. 12:9-10, 13:8-9, 14:3-4; Rev. 1:7).
9. GOD will bless the world during the Tribulation and Millennium through the Jews (see Ps. 67; Zech. 8:13).
 - a. During the crisis period God will call 144,000 Jews to evangelize the world.

In Israel today there are Jews who are "walking Bibles."

- b. They will spearhead the last missionary thrust (see Matt. 24:14; Rev. 7:1-8).
 - c. The multitudes reached by them will be innumerable (see Rev. 7:9-10). Remember, it was the first century believers who turned the world upside down! (see Acts 17:6).
10. GOD promises a blessing to those who take an interest in the Jewish people (see Gen. 12:3; Ps. 122:6).

"Therefore, behold, the days come, saith The LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers. Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks" (Jer. 16:14-16).

Now our passbook accounts enjoy 5.85% continuous compounded interest which annually pays 6.02%



"Investing in the Brethren Investment Foundation is just a part of being a Brethren. At least for the past 22 years it seemed that way to me. It's like giving to the mission boards and other Brethren interests. To know that my money is being used to build Grace Brethren Churches makes it much more satisfying. It always gives me a good feeling. It makes me feel like I am doing my part. At the same time, I am helping myself to prepare for those retirement years that are getting here before I know it. I'll always be thankful for the Brethren Investment Foundation and that I could have a part in it."

Pastor Clair Brickel — Brookville, Ohio

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For the Omaha Grace Brethren believers, authentic Christian love not only adds life and enthusiasm to the services, but also brings people in! "People really respond to love," says Pastor Gary Miller. "If we can demonstrate to our city that we have a love and joy that is supernatural and only comes from God, and that they themselves cannot duplicate, then they become eager to experience this new life found in Christ."

And it's working! The Omaha Grace Brethren Church closed out last year's fourth quarter, averaging 89 in morning worship attendance—that is up 51 percent over the 1979 first quarter records.

Exactly how do these Brethren demonstrate love? Pastor Miller observes, "There's just a really neat attitude of acceptance! Visitors are warmly greeted and they know it is sincere. Last week we had a couple visiting our church for the first time. Before they left that morning, they not only accepted an invitation for lunch but also accepted a dinner engagement later on that week."

Visitors at Omaha are introduced during the morning service, receive a follow-up letter from the pastor, and

Skiping the Counterfeit—Demonstrating the Authentic



Pastor Gary Miller

then a personal visit by a lay ministry team. With a ministry area that includes over 600,000 people, this Home Missions church has many visitors to look forward to.

Tied in with the character of this church was a "Spirit of Joy" campaign conducted in October and November of 1979. Using the GBC Christian Educational materials, it was during these four weeks that new attendance records

were set in both Sunday school and morning worship. But the program did more than just spark attendances. Unified materials in Sunday school, morning worship and evening services helped to draw the congregation together in a spirit of love and joy. Maintaining these spiritual qualities the Omaha Grace Brethren Church has a great future to look forward to. "As our desires line up with God's desires, there is nothing that we cannot do," states Pastor Miller.

Future goals include self-supporting in 1980 and a church planting ministry that could eventually lead to three or four Grace Brethren churches in the Omaha area. But for right now, the emphasis is on reaching people for Christ. "I don't know where we will put more people," says Gary, "but I'm confident God will work out our needs. As we show Him our desire to reach lost people for Christ, I know He will continue to bless our ministry!"



Rev. and Mrs. Robert D. Crees

Three Monuments in Hawaii

by Robert D. Crees

My "Macedonian call" that pulled me out of retirement in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, was the voice of Foster Tresise calling, "Come on over to Hawaii and help us." He wanted me to take his place while he spent four months on the mainland in deputation work and vacation. It did not take me long to ascertain the will of the Lord! I said "yes" and then, for my wife and I, there followed the best four months of our lives. It was not just a "vacation," but participating in a spiritual revival! We saw three monuments in Hawaii.

THE MONUMENT OF GOD'S CREATION

The sheer beauty of the island thrilled us. To think that the islands in the group came up out of the ocean in a series of volcanic eruptions over thousands of years to then be clothed in green. The flowers are just magnificent, and the birds are beautiful. The sky is

a deep blue, and the constant 65 to 85 degree temperature is inviting. By mistake we came to the great annual orchid show six hours too early, but the attendant let us stay and see everything all alone at our leisure! The majestic mountains, with the hardened lava flows below, testified to their volcanic origin. The beautiful sand beaches in one section was in contrast to the 40-foot splashing of the mighty waves on the rocks jutting up in the air. We took a two-day side trip to the "Big Island" of Hawaii. One week later their main volcano erupted, and the next day rain came, bringing 38 inches of water in 5 days—creating a disaster costing over 6 million dollars!

THE MONUMENT OF MAN'S CREATION

Some people think of the native Hawaiians living in grass huts. Not so! They have big buildings and civilization, with all its attendant evils. One day we ate dinner in a revolving restaurant in Honolulu.

Situated on the twenty-sixth floor of a building, the restaurant made one complete slow revolution in an hour, affording a commanding view of the mountains, the ocean, and the city. I counted 150 office and apartment buildings that were from 10 to 50 stories high! However, the monuments man made did not impress me.

THE MONUMENT OF GOD'S RE-CREATION

I had thought that it took missionaries many years to get acquainted with orientals before they could work among them, and wondered how I could accomplish anything in a short four months. I was mistaken! There was an open friendliness I had not anticipated. In one week I loved them and they loved me! We lived in the beautiful Tresise home and the church provided a 12 passenger van for our use in transportation. After two weeks of "solo" driving to church, I got the people to visit Saturday mornings, inviting children to ride. The van crew averaged bringing 22 each Sunday, in two trips—one to the homes above the church and the other in the high-rise apartments. We got a children's church going, enlisting 8 workers. There were 5 public rededications, and I was able to lead 6 adults to Christ through personal work.

I worked and dealt with those who had the following backgrounds: Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Puerto Rican, French, Egyptian, Filipinos, and Caucasian. I know better what heaven will be like now, for I will be with these wonderful people. In spite of our different backgrounds on earth, all of us already are speaking the common language of heaven! At the close they gave us leis with personal notes for us to read on the plane. One lady wrote: "I have decided to become a Christian. There is still a lot I need to learn, but the Lord will help me." Another wrote: "As a mother and wife I saw spiritual growth take place in my husband, children and myself. Words cannot express my heart for the many blessings experienced each day." Thank God for revival! The greatest monument I saw in Hawaii was the spiritual change God made in lives!

New Course of Study at Grace



Parents' panel at a class session.

by Margery F. Brubaker

All children are special. They capture the attention of others in a variety of ways. When children learn slowly they require special attention. Steps taken to determine the nature of a problem lead to a positive future for each child.

Grace College now offers a special education minor. Dr. Bruce Alcorn, Director of Teacher Education, explains that the course content is presently restricted to the training of the educable mentally retarded (EMR). This one area of exceptionality fits well into the structure of the elementary education major. The secondary education and teacher education majors can

participate also. Graduates who have elected the EMR minor receive certification to teach educable mentally retarded students. There are five students enrolled in this new minor at the present time. Others elect some of the courses included in the program. All elementary education majors are required to take Introduction to Special Education.

Mrs. Sharon Rager carries much of the teaching responsibility. From her own study and experience she offers her students fresh insight into the needs of the exceptional child and its family. Course content includes how to identify problems early—a key in helping a child develop any level of

ability to the fullest. Care and perception must be developed on the part of the teacher to recognize each child's need. Approaches to special education methods are carefully integrated with a biblical perspective.

A high point for Mrs. Rager's class this semester was an opportunity to listen to a panel of parents who have exceptional children. The honesty with which they exposed their lives touched the students beyond an intellectual understanding of retardation. Suddenly they found the course content real, touching lives of people who feel and hurt, and then learn how to deal with a special aspect of family life.

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Students in the minor report good experiences in field work placement. Course requirements include four hours each week with a child in a special education classroom. The local Cardinal Center's special education classes supply these opportunities.

Another aspect of this program involves the national WMC. Grace Brethren women pledged close to \$5,000 toward materials for the resource center this year. Mrs. Marilyn Yoder, a teacher in the elementary education major, also served as coordinator of the resource center. She explains that a retarded child needs more repetition for learning than visual aids and manipulative tools can provide. Lessons augment texts and present concepts on a concrete level that appeal to all the senses.

Art, music and physical education majors also use materials provided in the resource center since they too will encounter exceptional children. Special materials guide educable mentally retarded students toward a vocational goal. Self-worth is reinforced as they discover talents they can contribute to their community and church.

Possibilities for the effectiveness of the EMR minor are extensive. Many churches have growing ministries to the handicapped and retarded. Solid training of the EMR minor prepares both school and church workers to minister confidently to people with special needs.

Grace News Notes

ASTRONAUT BELIEVES IN GOD AS CREATOR

Charles M. Duke, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas, Apollo 16 astronaut, in acknowledging the receipt of an autographed copy of the book *The Moon: Its Creation, Form and Significance* written by Dr. John C. Whitcomb, professor of theology and Old Testament; and Dr. Donald B. DeYoung, associate professor of physics, notes that while he was on the moon his belief was in the theory of evolution.

He goes on to state: "However, since that time I have put my heart to Jesus and the reality of the Holy Bible. I believe now with all my heart in God as the Creator and your book has been a tremendous inspiration to me to understand more fully the reality of God's creation. May God's richest blessing be upon each of you and your families."



MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE—Five members of the newly formed Grace Seminary Minority Student Scholarship Fund Committee meet with a representative of the First National Bank of Warsaw, Indiana. Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Charles Smith, Seminary director of admissions; Rev. Otha Aden of the Southern Heights Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana; John Elliott, bank trust officer; Dr. Frank Gainer, research chemist with Lilly Pharmaceuticals in Indianapolis, Indiana; Bill Katip, director of student aid; and Dr. E. William Male, dean of the Seminary.

SEMINARY MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Grace Seminary Minority Student Scholarship Committee is functioning. Dr. E. William Male, dean of the seminary, states that the committee will be providing assistance where possible for members of certain United States minority groups, particularly American Blacks, who are accepted for admission to Grace Seminary.

Inadequate educational backgrounds and inadequate funding has made it difficult for many of these students to enter seminary, and the committee's purpose is to help them to succeed in achieving the kind of educational preparation that will equip them for

effective ministries. The committee will be working with the Seminary Student Aid Committee and \$20,000 has been placed in a trust fund at the First National Bank in Warsaw, Indiana. Foundations and other organizations are being contacted for funding.

TWENTY-NINE PARTICIPATED IN HOLY LAND STUDY

Twenty-three Grace Seminary students participated in the Holy Land Study tour held during the Winterim. Dr. D. Wayne Knife, director of Holy Land Studies for Grace Schools and associate professor of Old Testament, was the host. Professor Don Fowler, assistant professor of Greek, Hebrew and Old Testament, was the co-host.

Three weeks were spent in Israel at the Institute of Holy Land Studies located on Mt. Zion in Jerusalem, three days in Greece, and one day in Switzerland. The academic program is oriented to the Bible and the purpose is to give students in-depth exposure to the events of the Bible at the places where they happened. Four hours of credit is given for the study.

The group departed Winona Lake on December 26 and returned to campus on January 20. Included among those going were: Gordon Lovik, Grace Seminary alumnus, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; a pastor and wife, from California; and the wife of one of the seminary students making a total of 29 which is one of the largest groups ever to go from the seminary.

YOUTH CORRECTIONS SEMINAR

The question facing most college graduates these days is, "Where can the degree earned be used?" To help answer this question, the Placement Office of Grace College sponsored a Seminar for Behavioral Science Majors. This major includes degrees in counseling, criminology, psychology and sociology.

Director of Placement Lee Jenkins said the main area of presentation was in the field of Youth Corrections. Included among the four speakers participating from this field was Robert Burns, of the Fort Wayne Regional Four Facility for Youthful Offenders. Burns is a Grace College alumnus, class of '76. About 40 students attended the seminar.

CONCERT CHOIR ON TOUR

With anticipation of growing spiritually, meeting and ministering to new people, and glorifying God with music, the Grace College Concert Choir left campus for a 5-state tour of the mid-Atlantic United States December 29. The 36-voice choir presented their program in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and New Jersey over a 2-week period.

For the director, Professor Donald Ogden, it was the twenty-sixth consecutive tour, but he still maintains a "keen anticipation of choir tours." He said that "it's exciting to work with this kind of a group of college kids and to share their excitement."

Assisting Professor Ogden were choir officers: Jeff Secaur, president, Elkhart, Indiana; Becky Baker, vice president, Elkhart, Indiana; Beth Kaufman, Cissna Park, Illinois, secretary; Steve Placeway, Manheim, Pennsylvania, manager; and Jim Folsom, Yakima, Washington, chaplain.

During the tour the choir presented an average of one concert per day. The choir's program repertoire includes a wide variety of musical selections from every period from the Renaissance to the Modern.

COMMON BOND TOURS SOUTH

Common Bond, one of the newest groups at Grace College composed of two sophomores and three freshmen, traveled to Florida during the holiday vacation. En route the group gave concerts in Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia.

Dave Guiles of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, is the organizer and leader of the group, and sings bass. He is a sophomore majoring in Christian Ministries. Last year he traveled with Sound Investment and with the Freshman Choir. This year he is also busy in the Grace Woodwind Symphony.

Steve Makofka, freshman from New Holland, Pennsylvania, sings tenor for the group. He is a Christian Ministries major. Ann Deane, alto for the group, resides in Winona Lake, Indiana. Kathy Hathaway of Kalamazoo, Michigan, is the group's soprano. Pianist is Jim Colman, sophomore from Merrillville, Indiana. Professor and Mrs. Paul Milliman traveled with the group on the southern tour.

FIRST ANNUAL CAPPING

Twenty-three students from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Florida, Nebraska, Illinois, and Pennsylvania participated in the much-awaited first annual capping ceremony of the Grace College Department of Nursing held at the close of the first semester of the 1979-80 school year. Mrs. Barbara Woodring, director of nursing, presided at the capping ceremony.

Along with caps, each student received white nurses' Bibles, and the ceremony also included a lamp lighting indicating an awakening of knowledge and also to indicate that Christ is the light of life, thus providing illumination. Dean Miriam Uphouse was the speaker for the occasion.

Members of the class of 1981 receiving caps in-

cluded from Indiana: Mary Baker, Worthington; Barbara Baumgartner, Larwill; Rhonda Carini, Winona Lake; Cheryl Cochran, Michigan City; Jeanne Keener, Syracuse; Becki Lawlor, Warsaw; Brenda Linton, Piercetown; Joyce Mason, Warsaw; Marilyn Mercer, Warsaw; Ruth Penfold, Michigan City; Lynn Sproule, Warsaw; and Melinda Tom, Leesburg. From Ohio: Robyn Canady, Hilliard; Tammy Fast, Ashland; Colleen Nettleton, Wooster; Regina Spotleson, North Canton; and Cathy Thieme, Fredericktown.

Also, from Michigan: Gail Hawkins, Jackson; Cindy Ward, Bronson. Florida: Janet Hughes, Maitland; Nebraska: Tammie Petro, Chambers; Illinois: Debra Robertson, Crystal Lake; and Pennsylvania: Sandra Sacher, Stroudsburg.

MRS. FINK LEAVES GRACE

Mrs. Mary Lou Fink, associate professor of education at Grace College, has resigned after 16 years of service, to move to Virginia. Her husband, Dr. Paul Fink, former Grace Seminary faculty member, has been teaching at Liberty Baptist College since September. Mrs. Fink and their six children left Winona Lake in December to join Dr. Fink at their new home in Amherst County, Virginia.

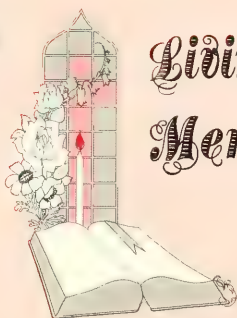
JERRY FRANKS RESIGNS

Professor Jerry Franks has resigned from his faculty position in the music department at Grace College effective December 21, the end of the current fall semester, it was announced by Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., president of Grace Schools.

Franks, who has been assistant professor of music at the college since 1966 said in a letter that he was "regretfully submitting his resignation and that he appreciated the opportunities and ministries afforded to him while in the employment of the college." He expressed a desire to pursue other interests including teaching, private instruction and personal appearances.

One of the top trumpeters in the nation, Franks organized the Dimensions in Brass when he came to Grace. The widely known brass group traveled throughout the United States and last spring toured Europe. He also developed a large community concert band during his 14 years at the college. Prior to coming to Grace, he was a featured performer with the Pittsburgh Symphony.

Franks has also produced a religious music series for bands of all levels. It is being distributed by Volkwein Bros., Inc.



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The March-April-May quarter offers you an unusual opportunity for Brethren Adult Bible Studies. It is called "Sunday School Selective Quarter" (see the full page ad appearing in this Herald on page 39.) Check out this ad--it is a real inflation fighter, offering copies at \$1.50 each--copies selling at retail for \$3.95.

Talk about inflation fighting--many churches are saving hundreds of dollars by sending a check with their orders, and letting the Herald Co. pay the postage. Postage is a BIG item these days as a cost factor.

The College Bookstore in Winona is taking on a new name. In the future it will be called the Herald Bookstore, and the floor space is being enlarged about 40 percent. You will be pleasantly surprised when you visit us at conference time. Whole new departments will be opened--more devotional books, and a music department with records, tapes, and cassettes. Sheet music will be available, as well as choir robes and a large supply of hymnals. We are excited about the changes and improvements. It is another move to make the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. a better service organization for YOU.

Do you have your new Annual? If you requested your name to be put on the mailing list, you should have received it about the first of the year. Please let us know if you have not yet received a copy.

Eternity magazine annually picks out the new Christian publication that it feels is the outstanding work of the year. The 1979 selection was the New International Version of the Bible. Also on the List were the Carl F. H. Henry books, God, Revelation, and Authority, volumes III and IV.

One of the major concerns of the eighties and beyond is the number of prospective students for the Christian colleges. The birth rate factor tells us that in 1979 there were 17 million students in the 18-21 age bracket. In the 1990s there will be only 12.9 million students in this age group. That is a decline of some 25 percent. This also tells you something about the outlook for the under-adult levels of your future Sunday school.

The year 1979 brought another record year to the Brethren Missionary Herald ministry. The total income of the Herald moved up to \$1,160,000. This is an increase of about 6 percent. This was a good decade for printing and we were happy to be a part of that rapid growth.

The "Life's Most Important Question" tract has now passed a million in circulation and sales continue to grow. It is being used by many denominations as a tool in presenting Christ to others.



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Mowing Your Roof



and Other New-Fashioned Problems

Charles W. Turner
Editor

Times are changing, and it is difficult to tell exactly in which century we are really living! Our electric utility company provides us with the latest happenings in a monthly publication. (I think the actual purpose of the newsletter is to get our minds off the cost of the electrical bill.) This past month's articles told how to build an underground house. There are advantages, we are told, in that the constant temperature of the earth will save both heating and cooling bills. Even the roof is covered with earth so you can plant your lawn on it.

The whole story sounded strangely like a cave dwelling to me, and I have this negative remembrance that humanity worked for years to be delivered from this type of housing. But the energy crisis is here, and there are more believers in it each day. So everyone is trying to find a way to cut down on the high costs of keeping warm. Returning to caves is one possibility; one other is the good old wood stove.

This black beauty—the wood stove—is returning to many a home. Everywhere I travel I get introduced to this latest member of the family. The main characteristic is that it provides a warm glow and is quite economical to operate. The closer you get to it, the warmer it is; and this is also in direct proportion to cold. Five steps away and you feel that you have moved from the Equator to the North Pole, all in the realm of five seconds and seven steps! Another disadvantage, I am told, is that in New England the smoke is presenting an environmental problem, much like that in Southern California.

Another return to yesteryear is the reintroduction of the parlor fan. Mounted in the ceiling, it rotates to keep the warm air near the ceiling moving. The last time I had one of these things moving above me was when I sat in a hotel in Sudan, Africa, in the city of

Khartoum. I remember being thankful then that such things were no longer used.

So, it looks like it might be back to caves with wood stoves for warmth, and a parlor fan spinning over my head. (Just when I thought I had reached middle age, and had finally subdued my post-depression childhood fears; here I am going back to the "olden days." If there is any satisfaction in it at all now, it is that I can *really* show my son what the "olden days" were like!)

But before I do, I think I will hold on to my life-style as it is just a little longer. Having lived long enough to go to the "little car era" about five times now, and before I get a pair of roller skates or a skate board and start throwing dirt on my roof to make a cave, I will wait patiently to see how it all turns out. In fact, I do not think I'll even spend endless hours worrying about it all. God is still on the throne, and though His main mission is not necessarily my physical comfort, I think He will provide. If we get too excited about every media crisis (and there always is "one a day" at the six o'clock news), we will never get over being excited.

My main concern is not the ability of God to provide for our needs. After all, mankind has never even begun to explore the depth and the riches of this world and its great systems. It used to be when we had a problem to solve in this country, we went out and did something about it; but now it is easier to sit around feeling sorry for ourselves. When just a touch of the ole Yankee ingenuity comes back and a few of us Americans get a little ambition and desire, there will be no limit to what man's intelligence and God's raw materials can accomplish. Well, the only thing mankind cannot supply is the righteousness to make us what we ought to be in this country again. But God has a big supply of it and He wants to pass it out to us again.

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35 Years Ago—1945

Captain Chaplain Orville Lorenz is somewhere in Belgium with the Ninth Infantry Division. . . . A report on Africa indicated at this time there were 150,000,000 people of which 80,000,000 were classified as pagans; 40,000,000 as Moslems; and 10,000,000 as Christians.

15 Years Ago—1965

The Foreign Missionary Society reports that the total offering for the past year was \$483,211 which is an increase of over \$57,000. . . . Rev. Jesse Deloe was ordained to the ministry at Cleveland, Ohio.

5 Years Ago—1975

Rev. Curtis Stroman is the new pastor of the Calvary Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Md. . . . The new Colorado Springs, Colo., church has been dedicated. It has one of the most beautiful views in the country, as it looks towards the Rockies. Tom Inman is pastor.

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for printing the article "Great Joy on Eleventh Street" in the December issue of the *Herald* (page 28). We were able to use it in our earliest children's church time. It was a great way of sharing the Christmas message, and was told in a very clever way. (I'm sure the star-shaped cookies we passed out while the story was being read added to it for the kids, too.)

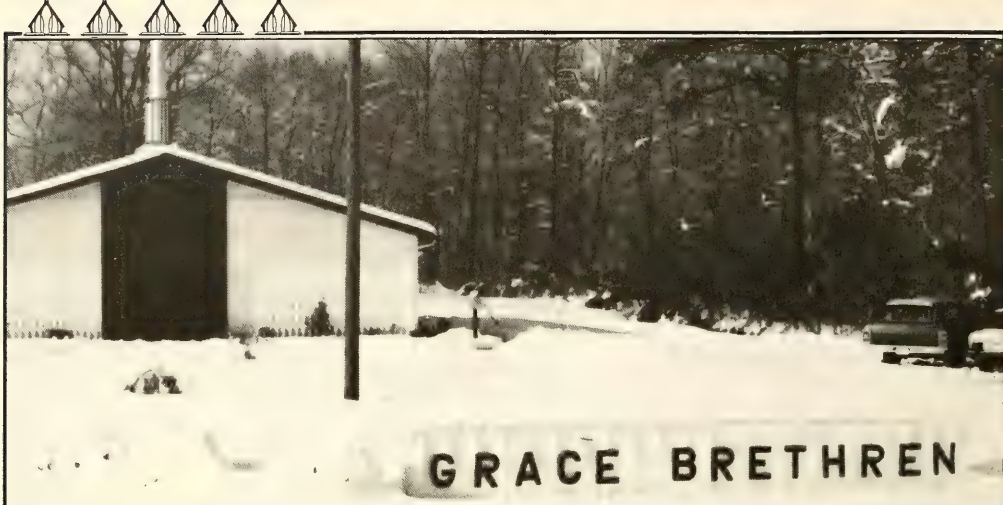
Thank you again for the broad reach you desire to have through your magazine—even to the children.

May the message of God's love in Christ continue to be told in the most unique ways until He comes to take us home!—*Indiana*

P.S. By the way, who is Carolann Oswald, the author?

Editor's note: Thanks for the kind comments about the Herald. We are endeavoring to increase the types of material we offer, and the response has been good.

Who is Carolann Oswald? She is from the Wooster (Ohio) area, and is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ashman. Carolann has contributed about five stories in this series.—CWT



Eighteen inches of snow in Richmond

The Event of the Century

by Pastor Kurt Miller

January 5, 1980—just another day at the beginning of a new year. But, in Richmond, Virginia, excitement was running high as the members of the Grace Brethren Church were about to celebrate the end of a long relationship with Brethren Home Missions—12 years! But on the horizon loomed an ominous threat to the next days' planned events—a severe winter snowstorm. (In Virginia?)

It started early and it looked as though the two to four inches of snow forecast would not materialize. But when the storm had finally swept over its victim, it left the most snow to be dumped on the Richmond area at one time in more than a century—18 inches! With a minimum force of snow removal equipment it was virtually impossible to move, and no one did, except Brethren! Eighty-two to be exact (in spite of the obstacles). But was this an obstacle? No. The most breathtaking service that this Home Missions church has ever ex-

perienced was to be imbedded in the hearts and minds of God's people for an eternity. The splendor and the majesty of God was displayed in the beautifully warm and fluffy snow, and somehow the spirit of everyone in attendance knew that God had intended it this way. This had been the history of this church—obstacles—but no obstacle was too tall for God!

In 1968 Rev. William Gardner had a vision to begin a Grace Brethren work in Richmond, the capital of Virginia. In a short time several families were meeting every Lord's Day in a fire hall on the south side of town. They soon became known as the Grace Brethren Church of Richmond. Through the foresight and driving initiative of Pastor Gardner, land was purchased and a building erected to the glory of God.

After five years of faithful service, Pastor Gardner felt God call him into other areas of endeavor. Rev. Ron Thompson, who had served as national evangelist for the Brethren Fellowship and had pas-



The Kurt Miller family

Photos by: Tom Schneider

tored the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church in Roanoke, Virginia, was called by God to lead the folks in Richmond. Pastor Ron's strong Bible teaching helped to engrain the people into the Church of Christ and a strong nucleus was prepared to plant and harvest His crop! God used these two dedicated men to



Richmond's 1980 church officers

At right: Rev. Bill Byers (extreme right), BMHC southern field representative, joins Kurt and Anecia Miller in celebrating self-support status. Also representing the Council on "self-support" Sunday was Rev. Kenneth Teague, a board member (not pictured).

prepare His harvest.

On March 1, 1978, Rev. Kurt A. Miller came to Richmond to pastor his first full-time church. Little did he know what God had in store for this apprehensive and inexperienced pastor! In the last year-and-a-half God has given this church over 50 first-time decisions with all but 2 of these actively involved in the work of the church. Through consistent follow-up by the pastor and an increasing number of dedicated laymen, these souls are being grounded in God's Word and growing in His grace. The attendance in the morning service has grown from 35 to nearly 80. The Sunday school has more than doubled as have the evening services and the midweek prayer services. The finances of the church have more than tripled as new converts are taught the importance of worship through giving. Virtually every office in the church is filled by a different man, and there were more men teachers in the Vacation Bible School program this past summer than there were women teachers.

One only has to be in this church for a very few moments to notice the spirit of warmth, love and concern which has its emphasis on the family first. The people expressed this love by setting aside a day as "Pastor Appreciation Day," expressing their love for the pastor and family through testimonies and gifts. They express it to each other through gifts of love throughout the year and a helping-hand whenever one is needed. And they express it to the lost world by inviting their lost friends and loved ones to church with them to share in God's wonderful grace.

Yes, the "Event of the Century" has taken place in Richmond, Virginia. Obstacles have been overcome. Victories have been gained. But not without down-to-earth hard work! God is a rewarder of faithfulness. Much preparing, planting, cultivating, fertilizing, and spraying for weeds has taken place by many weary hands and backs. The "Bountiful Harvest" was being prepared. God is just now beginning to reap the efforts of those who

strived so faithfully through the initial years of this church. But, lest we become infected with "Arrival Flu," as Dr. David L. Hocking so aptly described it in the 1979 Moderator's Address at national conference, the work must continue. God does not desire us to leave our field unattended. We must continue to grow.

This church wants to personally thank the entire Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches for their prayer and financial support throughout the years. Please do not stop your prayer support. We need you! We know that you, as a Fellowship, are pleased. We know that our Lord is rejoicing. But, we are not satisfied. We believe that we have barely begun to scratch the surface. Our neighborhood is growing by thousands every year. God is bringing these people to us so we can introduce them to His grace. No, we have *not* arrived. We have only reached a goal. That is good, but not the end. May our cry be: "Give me a passion for souls, dear Lord . . ."

Staking a Claim



Almost in two different worlds, Darrell Anderson spent his first eight months at Placerville preaching on Sundays (below) and then commuted during the week to Sacramento to manage a glass company (left)



by Brad Skiles
Promotional Secretary

For Rev. Darrell Anderson and the Grace Brethren believers at Placerville, California, meeting weekly for Sunday services represents more than just a religious routine. Behind the solid gospel preaching, the well-taught Sunday school lessons and the opportunities for fellowship, is a strategy and burden for reaching the city of Placerville for Christ.

"Our church is in a good position right now," says Pastor Anderson. "Usually when you visit the unchurched in any given community there is typically one church that they think of and say, 'Oh, I at-

tend the Methodist church,' or whatever. In Placerville there is not one dominate church that everyone looks to. So, we want to be *that* church. We want to so influence our community that 'Sierra View Grace Brethren Church' is the first name that comes to mind when they consider 'church.' "

The ultimate result of that exposure is to lead people to Christ, as Lord, and then to disciple them in their faith. Meeting with Pastor Anderson since April of 1979, the Placerville Brethren recognize that love and acceptance are important ingredients in that ultimate discipleship process.

"Basically our strategy in 1979 was just meeting and drawing the

people closer together," states Darrell. "We have a real warm group now. Our people are at the place where they will accept anyone who comes in and love them, making them feel a part of the body."

Such fellowship is magnetic. During the fourth quarter of 1979, 3 new family units became "regulars" bringing the weekly average to 30—a significant accomplishment for any newly organized church.

A lot is being said today about church growth leadership. Lay leadership in Placerville was an attractive quality to Darrell Anderson.

"Our first contact with the church planting opportunity at Placerville was through a family who had moved there from my previous pastorate. When I was asked to come to Placerville to be-

in Placerville!

gin a work, I told them that just because we have some friends there doesn't mean we should start a church.

"But later," Darrell continues, "when further interest was expressed and other families became involved, my wife, Irene, and I became more interested. What finally impressed us about this opportunity of service was the dedication of the people—their commitment to Christ and to establishing a local church, and the potential growth in the area."

Setting the example in leadership, Pastor Anderson has been able to meet on a weekly basis with the key laymen in the church. Although 5:30 in the morning has some disadvantages, this time allotment allows Darrell to share his life with these future church leaders.

A major growth obstacle for the church in 1979 was the pastor's schedule. Committing himself to the church during its first year meant no financial security for Darrell. Accepting that, Darrell spent his first 8 months as pastor commuting to Sacramento to manage a glass company. Working 40-hour weeks made visitation and basic church organization difficult. But there were some positive benefits.

"It has helped me to keep in touch with the world. Not that you can't do that as a pastor, but it is a little more vivid when you are out working with different kinds of people eight hours a day in a secular environment."

Darrell Anderson knows personally what a life without Christ is like. Accepting Christ as his saviour at age 26, Darrell had lived a very active life maintaining 3 jobs and trying to find peace in the world's finances. It was not until his youngest child died that Darrell began to question where his life was headed. Less than 3 years after that tragedy, the Anderson family was walking with Christ and Darrell had enrolled in Grace College, working toward an ultimate seminary degree.

As a father of two young boys and a full-time student working to pay the bills, seven years of education seemed like a very long road to follow. But Darrell was encouraged in his pursuit as he was able to lead his employer to Christ and see other lives influenced through a home Bible study which he led.

After graduating from Grace Seminary, Darrell accepted the pastoral call from the LaLoma Grace Brethren Church in Modesto, California. Finishing five years of ministry there, Darrell believed God was

calling him to a different service. It was while working as a glazier in Stockton, California, and seeing progress being made toward a Stockton Bible class, that Darrell and Irene joined the Placerville story. Committed to establishing the work, the Andersons moved to Placerville in July of 1979.

January 1, 1980, was a historic date for the almost-a-year-old Grace Brethren Church. The turning of the calendar marked Brethren Home Missions financial support. Combining the local church support, the Brethren Home Missions Council support, and funds from Grace Development, a Sacramento-based organization, Pastor Anderson will now be able to serve his church full time.

"Full time" will allow Darrell to utilize his resources in developing the church—getting out into the community, concentrating on visitation, more effectively discipling current believers and creatively planning for future growth. Given the existing leadership base and the potential of this mother-load ministry area, the Brethren Home Missions Council joins the Sierra View Grace Brethren Church in their zeal for reaching Placerville and their surrounding communities for Christ!



Above: The Placerville Brethren



Right: The Sierra View Grace Brethren Church's new meeting place, a Seventh-Day Adventist's sanctuary

Discipleship—the 'Life-Blood' at Coolville



Pastor Markley, at pulpit, gets men involved in the service.

'If the Lord would take me home tomorrow this church would continue to function and grow,' says Pastor Bob Markley.

Extending his life in the lives of others, Pastor Markley has been able to effectively disciple a core of leaders in the Coolville, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church. 'These men (Markley's leadership core) can do anything. They can preach, carry on all services, maintain the organization of the church and shepherd the rest of the believers. Basically, they can do everything that I can do.'

The results from this leadership structure have been phenomenal for the Coolville church. All goals for the church were met or surpassed in 1979! Membership doubled at 66. Morning worship attendance for the year averaged 57, up 32 percent over 1978. Sunday school yearly average increased by 30 percent over 1978. The Sunday evening service attendance advanced to a yearly average of 42 (that's increasing 36 percent), midweek prayer meeting closed the year out with an average of 25, and offerings for the fourth quarter of 1979 stood at \$6,728 (a record in stewardship for Coolville).

All the 'stats' are simply to say that God is doing something in this Home Missions church. And so you won't get the wrong emphasis, here's how Pastor Markley started his 1980 correspondence with the BHMC:

"I promised that I would write and let you know if it happened—the doubling of our membership. When I knew that we needed just three more members to complete our doubling goal, I prayed that the Lord would do something so outstanding that no one could say that the last three members came because the pastor pressured them.

"It happened within 36 hours in a family of a dad, mother, two boys and the dad's aged mother. Through some miraculous circumstances, God received a broken man into His family, united a husband and wife, and healed a seemingly wrecked home. As if that wasn't enough, God continued in His miracle by bringing the entire family to church and moving them into a decision to join our local body—all within 36 hours! Praise the Lord!!!"

Not resting in past accomplishments, the Coolville Brethren have set equally aggressive goals for 1980 and are promoting a rather interesting program.

It's called 'Adopt A Family.' 'Adopt A Family' for the Coolville Brethren is a challenge for each regularly attending family to 'adopt' an unchurched family for the year of 1980. Through events at the church and continual personal contacts among families, the goal of this program is for every church family to develop meaningful relationships with unchurched families.

By extending these 'circles of friendships,' it is the church's prayer that these new contacts will ultimately result in new sheep in the fold.

The leadership of Brethren Home Missions is excited about how God is working in Coolville and praising these believers for their vision and strategy for reaching their city for Christ!

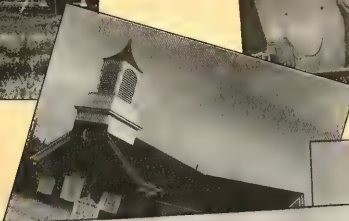
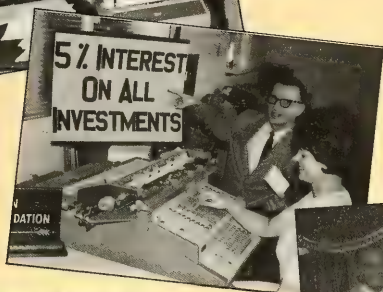
(Watch the May Herald for a feature article on this exciting work.)

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Editor's Note: The South Bay Grace Brethren Church is a new branch church of the Long Beach, California, Grace Brethren Church. The Brethren Home Missions Council encourages "every church to plant a branch church" and rejoices with this mother church. This article, "A New Beginning," is the first of an open series on branch churches—publicizing new developments apart from the Brethren Home Missions Council.



A New Beginning

by Pastor Thomas Hughes

The Psalmist wrote: "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (Ps. 118:23). I have taken this verse for the building of a local church in the South Bay area of Southern California.

Little did I realize when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord in September of 1967, that I would be thrust into the role of being the first pastor in a new church! Shortly after that decision, the Lord began to work in my heart, and eventually called me into full-



The Tom Hughes family



One hundred and two attend South Bay's first service

time service for Him as one of the pastors at the Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach, California. As an elder, I was aware of a group which had been meeting in the South Bay area, near Torrance, and of their interest in forming a local church. The church became a reality in September of 1979 with an interim pastor and a Sunday evening meeting time. It was during those days that I became convinced that God wanted me there as the pastor of that work. In December it became official—I was the pastor of the South Bay Grace Brethren Church! We continued meeting on Sunday evenings until an adequate facility could be found to begin full services. This became possible as we located a vacant elementary school auditorium and leased it for the purpose of beginning a church. We set the target date for the first Sunday in January 1980, as the first morning service date, and the excitement began!

While working at the new facility in preparation for our first meeting, one of the men offered a rabbit to one of my three boys. We agreed to take the rabbit and went home to build a cage for it. I had never built a rabbit cage before and really didn't know where to begin. As I started getting the necessary materials, I thought of the similarities of this task to that of establishing a church. I had never "built" a church before and felt inadequate in and of myself.

Then I remembered a passage in Matthew 16, where Jesus said, "I will build my church . . . (v. 18) and this became the passage from which I preached my first message. As I studied the passage, I realized that without Jesus Christ there couldn't be any kind of a church! But once accepting Him as the Master Builder, the job of building the church becomes His.

The big day arrived. How many people would come? Did we have enough chairs set up? Would there be any "brand new" visitors, and not just "friends"? Were there enough workers? Were the classrooms set up?

God was in full control and we trusted Him for everything! He had provided 200 cushioned folding chairs at dealer cost! He had provided extra classrooms on the school facility! He had provided a new overhead projector and screen! He had provided drapes and paint and everything else, and He would bring the people, too!

The 9 a.m. Sunday school hour arrived and there were people! I began the first adult Sunday school hour with our philosophy of ministry, beginning with the purpose of the South Bay Grace Brethren Church: to glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31; Rom. 15:6); and followed with our premise—total dependence upon God's Word for authority and information (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

We shared our major objectives: *Evangelism* (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark

16:15-16; Luke 24:47-48; Acts 1:8); *Edification* (Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Peter 4:10-11; and *Expansion* (Acts 13:1-4; 1 Cor. 9:7-14).

We concluded by sharing our guidelines: (1) To always *maintain* principles contained in God's Word (James 4:17; Prov. 29:18, 30:6); (2) To emphasize *ministry* to people rather than performing tasks (Phil. 1:7-11; Col. 3:12-17); (3) To *make sure* we evaluate everything in light of our objectives (Heb. 4:12, 5:11-14); (4) To utilize *mature* believers in the areas of discipleship (Col. 1:28; 2 Tim. 2:1-2); (5) To *manifest* godly life styles as being essential to our goals and objectives (Heb. 13:7; 1 Peter 1:5-16); (6) To *motivate* people in discovering their gifts, as well as being mature in the faith before placing them in leadership roles (1 Tim. 3:6, 10, 5:22, 4:14-16); and (7) To *manage* all of our affairs with the confidence of God's sovereign control (Phil. 4:4-7; Rom. 8:28-29).

After the Sunday school hour we began our *first* morning worship service! As I stood up to preach God's Word and looked over the many people, the verse came to me, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." The Lord had blessed us with 102 people for the first Sunday! With great joy I shared the passage which proclaimed that Jesus was "... the Christ, the Son of the living God" and the wonderful promise that He would build His Church and the gates of Hades would not overpower it!

Looking Back and Praising the Lord!



Miss Vianna
Detwiler—our first
missionary



The Yonan Y. Auraham family—missionaries to Persia

Praise the Lord! Brethren Foreign Missions is celebrating 80 years of taking the Gospel to people and planting churches around the world. Our official anniversary is September 4; on that day in 1900, the society was founded.

At the Tenth Annual Brethren General Conference, meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana, the delegates were severely divided on whether to enter the foreign missionary field. The conference was electric with controversy about the subject.

One of the group's leading elders, Jacob C. Cassel, had challenged the delegates by presenting a paper on a most relevant subject for any Christian body—"Are We Ready to Enter the Foreign Missionary Field?"

The matter was then presented to the conference. Even though an interest in missions had been developing for several years, the attempt

to actually form a foreign mission organization within the conference itself met with formidable resistance.

Those in favor of the plan were finally told that, "there is plenty of room out under the trees" where they could organize.

On that hot Tuesday afternoon a group of determined people met on a knoll under the spreading boughs of a friendly oak. At 2:00 p.m. the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was born. A bronze plaque located between the Billy Sunday Tabernacle and the Homer Rodeheaver Auditorium now marks the spot.

Fifty-three people were enrolled as charter members and an executive committee of six members was chosen. The executive committee consisted of: G. W. Rench, president; J. O. Talley, secretary; Jacob C. Cassel, treasurer; J. Allen Miller; W. D. Furry, and

Vianna Detwiler.

Look with us at some of the highlights of the first 20 years.

1901

The executive committee was increased to nine members by an amendment to the constitution. David Augustine, J. M. Tombaugh, and C. F. Yoder were elected as members of the committee.

1902

Rev. John A. Miller, of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, contributed \$2,000 to the society for the sending out of the first foreign missionary, Miss Vianna Detwiler.

Yonan Y. Auraham was approved by the board as our missionary to Persia.

1903

Yonan Y. Auraham was sent early in this year to establish a Brethren mission at Urmia, Persia.

Miss Alice Harley, of Allentown, Pennsylvania, was accepted as a candidate for Persia. However, during the year following, a physical breakdown disqualified her. A short time later Miss Harley, an inspirational leader in our early foreign missionary activities, went home to be with Christ.



The Charles F. Yoder family—our pioneer missionaries to Argentina



Above: The steamer that took the Brethren pioneer party to Africa, up the Sangha River

Left: The pioneer missionary party poses with some friends—(L-R) James Gribble, Dr. Florence Gribble, Estella Myers, Mrs. Rollier, and Mr. Antoine Rollier (standing in front are the Rollier's two daughters and Marguerite Gribble)

The executive committee assisted in this work in Persia for six years, but because of the unsettled conditions, the mission was finally closed. C. F. Yoder was sent to investigate the likely missionary prospects, but was unable to reach the mission station because of political conditions in Persia at that time.

During the summer of this year, Miss Vianna Detwiler was sent to assist in a mission being established in Montreal, Canada.

Dr. J. Allen Miller was elected as president on August 29, succeeding G. W. Rench. (Dr. Miller served in this office until his death in 1935.)

C. F. Yoder was elected to succeed J. O. Talley as secretary.

1904

Louis S. Bauman and Samuel Lichty were elected as members of the executive committee, succeeding W. D. Furry and David Augustine.

1905

I. D. Bowman was elected as a member of the executive committee to succeed G. W. Rench.

1906

A. H. Lichty was elected as a member of the executive committee to fill the unexpired term of Mr.

Talley. Since it became impossible for Mr. Lichty to serve, Marcus A. Witter was chosen to fill the vacancy made by Mr. Lichty's resignation.

Louis S. Bauman was elected as secretary at the same meeting, succeeding C. F. Yoder.

1907

At a special meeting of the executive committee "the Argentine Republic and neighboring states of South America" were selected as the "special field of our missionary effort." At this meeting Charles F. Yoder and wife were called as the pioneer missionaries to Argentina.

1908

C. F. Yoder was selected as the pastor of the Montreal mission, with A. B. Maldeis as associate.

Miss Bertha May Bell was approved as a missionary for the South American field.

1909

Jacob C. Cassel was called to assume the control of the Montreal mission after the departure of C. F. Yoder for Argentina.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Yoder and Miss Bertha May Bell sailed for Argentina on August 2.

1910

Miss Maude Cripe was approved for service in Argentina.

1911

Miss Maude Cripe set sail for Argentina. When there, she married Mr. Leonard Webb, who also became a missionary under approval of the board in 1913.

Miss Bertha M. Bell discontinued her work as a missionary under our society.

1912

Morton L. Sands became pastor of the Montreal mission.

1913

Articles of Incorporation under the Laws of the State of Ohio were granted to the society. Offices were established at Ashland, Ohio, under the management of President J. Allen Miller.

The society purchased its first property in South America in Rio Cuarto.

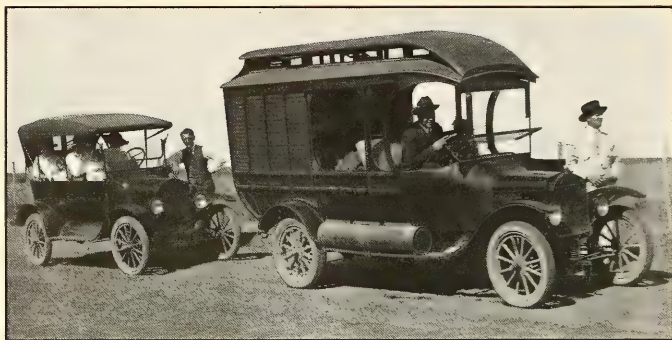
1914

The attention of the board was first called to the work of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Gribble, already in Central Africa. It was decided to "ask the approval of James Gribble,



Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Sickle

1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920



Dr. Louis S. Bauman drives the first "Bible Coach." Clarence Sickle is leaning on the second car

his wife, and Miss Estella Myers as accredited missionaries to Africa."

1915

To conform with the new charter, the name "Executive Committee" was changed to "Board of Trustees."

The board passed a resolution approving the work of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Gribble and Miss Estella Myers in Central Africa, with the understanding that "they are undertaking this work in the faith that the Lord will supply all their needs, asking no salaries or any guaranty from this board."

1916

Thomas H. Broad took charge of the work in Montreal.

E. G. Atkinson and Mr. and Mrs. William Bock were approved by the general conference as missionaries to South America.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Webb returned from South America due to Mr. Webb's health.

The board decided to close the Montreal mission and dispose of the property at once.

1917

North Central Africa was approved by the general conference as a mission field.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Gribble, Miss Estella Myers, and Miss Mae Snyder were immediately approved as missionaries to this field.

Alva J. McClain became a member of the board.

On October 1, the first issue of *The Brethren Missionary* (a quarterly magazine published by the society) appeared. Louis S. Bauman was appointed editor-in-chief, and J. Allen Miller, managing editor.

1918

Mr. and Mrs. James Gribble, Miss Estella Myers, and Miss Mae Snyder sailed on January 7 from New York for Africa aboard the S.S. *City of Cairo*.

Clarence Sickle and Miss Loree Cutright (later Mrs. Clarence Sickle) were approved by the general conference as missionaries to South America.

Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Rollier were approved for Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollier and their two daughters sailed for Africa on December 22, joining the pioneer party at Brazzaville. After an extended stay there, the entire party proceeded to Carnot.

1919

The South American Field

Council was authorized to purchase a Bible Coach.

Purchase of the property at La Cabrera, Argentina, was approved by the board.

Miss Charlotte Hillegas (later Mrs. Orville D. Jobson) was approved by the general conference as a missionary to Africa.

Charles H. Ashman was elected as a member of the board to fill the vacancy made by the death of Jacob C. Cassel.

Mrs. Antoine Rollier, having been stricken with fever on the journey up the Sangha River, departed to be with Christ on September 16. She was our first missionary to be promoted to His presence. Thirteen months later, Mr. Rollier returned to America with his daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sickle arrived in South America on November 15.

1920

Miss Mae Snyder was our second missionary to "walk through the valley of the shadow of death." She departed to be with the Lord on August 28.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bock discontinued their services as missionaries in Argentina due to ill health.

“God Will Not Forgive Us If We Fail”

by John W. Zielasko

“God will not forgive us if we fail,” thus spoke Leonid Brezhnev to President Carter while negotiations were proceeding at the SALT signing summit meeting in Vienna last summer. Of course, the Soviet press denied that the Chairman had used the word “God.” What he really said, they insist, is “future generations.” But the remark is too well documented to be denied.

It led the *Wall Street Journal* to observe, “God? God’s forgiveness? From a man who heads the most belligerently atheistic regime around, maybe in history? In fact, the Soviets have recently begun a new campaign to harass religious believers and at the close of the Pope’s visit to Poland, issued a declaration that ‘expanding the atheistic education of the population remains an urgent task.’” The hypocrisy of Brezhnev’s words echo throughout the world now that Russian tanks have crushed Afghanistan.

This “off-the-cuff” remark by Brezhnev to our president brings to mind two observations:

1. The Coming Day of Judgment

“God will not forgive.” The aging Soviet communist party chief, who, by the way, is soon to meet his Maker, spoke more truly than he knew. It may have been a simple remark trying to exploit “the religious proclivities of the American president,” but it does express a warning that all mankind needs to heed.

There is judgment ahead for all men (see Heb. 9:27), and none, not even the Soviet communist party chief, will escape. This judgment is based on truth (see Rom. 2:2) and all the lies of the world will not sway the righteous judge in His decision.

The judgment is righteous (see Rom. 2:5)—no one will be able to claim he was treated unjustly before God’s court. The judge is Jesus Christ (see John 5:22). He who died to save mankind will then sit in judgment of those who deny Him.

And, finally, judgment results in perdition (see 2 Peter 3:7). There is no higher court, no appeal, and no acquittal. Truly God will not forgive if one fails to accept His Son (see Acts 4:12).

2. The Unfinished Task of the Christian Church

Brezhnev spoke these words in the context of the SALT agreement (which for now seems doomed to

limbo). But, there is an issue much more important than how many nuclear warheads are produced by the super powers. That is the evangelization of the peoples of the world. The Christian Church is still far from the completion of that task.

In a recent book that has made an initial attempt to identify the still unreached peoples of the world, I counted at least 41 different unreached groups in 8 of the fields where Brethren foreign missionaries are working. These are in addition to the cultural groups that presently receive the attention of our missionaries.

By definition, an unreached people is identified as a group that has fewer than 20 percent practicing Christians among them. The 41 groups represent about 15,400,000 people and each will require a cultural and linguistic thrust to penetrate them with the Gospel.

For example, in France there are 804,000 Algerian Arabs; in Germany, 1,000,000 Turkish immigrant workers; in the C.A.R. at least 5,000 pygmies; in the Chad, 320,000 Ouabai and 80,000 Masa; and so on. Project this kind of identification worldwide and we are faced with over 16,000 different peoples who have little, and in most cases, no Christians among them.

Brethren Foreign Missions, along with other mission societies, is making a special effort to identify the hidden peoples in the countries where we are presently working. In this way, the immensity and the urgency of the unfinished task will be brought to our attention. Christians who assume that the missionary task is finished will thus be recharged; Christian young people who feel that there is no further need in the world for missionaries will be motivated to give their lives for missions.

When we begin to focus in on these masses and see them as people without God and without Christ, then the floodgates of Christian compassion will again be opened. A great reservoir of prayer, funds, and people will flow out to them in renewed missionary ventures.

May we be awakened to the urgent need to go and disciple the still untouched masses. For, as even that cynical, confirmed atheist Leonid Brezhnev reminds us, “God will not forgive us if we fail.”

Sharing the Challenge



The girls and women sing as they carry their loads on their heads

by Mrs. Florence Hull

We heard them coming before we could see them—the little Lumiere girls coming up the hill to the mission house at Nzoro. Each girl carried a gift on her head, even the smallest with a cup containing some peanuts. This loving generosity characterized the treatment we received wherever we went in the Central African Republic.

Our daughter, Margaret Hull, had written to us in June 1978, asking that we prayerfully consider an excursion trip to the C.A.R. She has been serving in that country as a missionary since January of 1965.

And so after much planning and scheduling we went. Our plane landed in Bangui at 1:30 a.m. on March 30, 1979. There we spent the weekend at the guest house.

Bangui is a noisy, bustling city, alive with motorcycles, mobilettes, and radios! People are everywhere, often with huge loads on their heads.

Sunday we attended church services in Bangui. Imagine going to a morning service, the second one of the day, with over 3,000 worshippers.

in the



Central African Republic

It was great. And this was only one of the dozen Brethren churches in the city!

We left the city by MAF plane. After a 40-minute flight to Bossembele, we joined Margaret. She had left 5 hours earlier from Yaloke to meet us there. We journeyed back to Yaloke together.

The week was busy and packed full of activities. We drove to Bata and observed, firsthand, the challenge of the Print Shop, the Bible Institute, and the missionary children's school. Bata is also the headquarters of the MAF plane and hangar. We gained a new appreciation for MAF after seeing the ease with which they handled difficult problems. And we praise the Lord for the great service to our missionaries that the faithful MAF pilot and his family provide. Theirs is an important part of the missionary endeavor.

We were grounded at Bata by dust blowing down from the Sahara Desert. This extra time gave us an opportunity to see the cotton crop being brought in to sell to govern-

has a lush garden and we enjoyed the fresh vegetables and fruit, especially the pineapples. The greenery was lovely.

From Nzoro we flew to Boguila. This stop was very interesting to us because Margaret was stationed here during her first terms in Africa. We witnessed the value of the medical work, both at the hospital at Boguila and the dispensaries in the villages and the bush. We were impressed by the intelligence and devotion of the African nurses and the faithfulness of Dr. Walker and Dr. Pfahler. Visiting the pharmacy, we saw the important task of filling orders to send out to the villages.

Traveling back to Bata, we returned to Yaloke by car. Three weeks were spent at Yaloke visiting classes at the School of Theology and the collège. It was a thrill to attend Carol Mensinger's English classes with the collège fellows. They delighted in conversing with us in English—they speak Sango, French, and English. We, being limited to English, normally had to converse by means of an interpreter,

the afternoons they would go to their gardens and work. One evening these women walked up the hill to Margaret's home to greet us. Every woman brought a gift. They sang, played games, recited Bible verses, and then walked back downhill to their homes.

At the end of three weeks, we drove back to Bangui, a fitting climax to our trip. The trip included the car drowning out in a huge mud hole, traveling many miles with no brakes and with less than all the cylinders functioning, and running out of gas (because we had to travel so far in low gear). During the rainy season the roads are even worse, if possible, than in the dry season.

Our last weekend was filled with blessings. We went with the Hockings to Mbaiki. Leaving Bangui, we traveled the only paved road (it even had street lights) past the native village and what was then the Imperial Palace of Emperor Bokassa.

After spending the night in the unoccupied mission house at Mbaiki, we went to Mbata for church. The trip took us through beautiful country—grasslands jungle, and coffee plantations. An extra bonus was a visit to a Pygmy village where we were allowed to take pictures of the big net they use to snare animals.

What a privilege to meet in person the missionaries whom we knew only by name. What can we say except "Thank you, Lord" for all the blessings, the kind hospitality of the missionaries, and the very able help of Roy Snyder (I don't know how we would have gotten along without him). It was exciting sharing the challenge of the ministry with local pastors and seeing the blessing of the medical work (especially to mothers and babies). It was good to see the help given by the TIME workers. We just praise the Lord for giving us the opportunity to visit our mission work in the Central African Republic.



Margaret Hull teaches a Bible story to the children

ment buyers and to attend a church.

Our next destination was Nzoro. Here the little Lumière girls greeted us. Having been told that Nzoro was a paradise, we were not disappointed. Beautiful orchids grew along the path. Marian Thurston

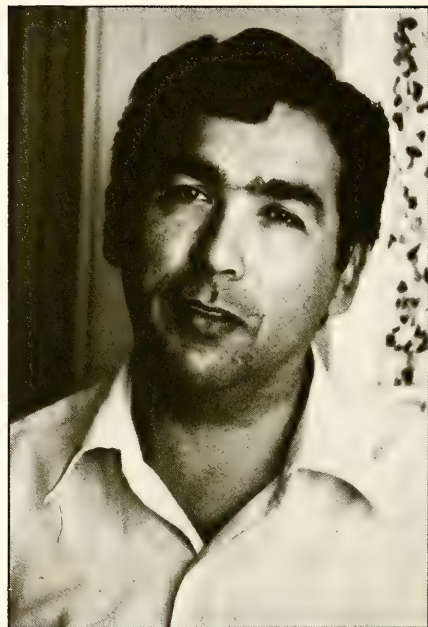
so it was good to talk to them.

Everywhere we went, we were impressed with the generosity of the believers. They have so little, yet willingly share what they do have. Over 40 OTN women (like our WMC) were attending morning conference sessions at Yaloke. In



by Lynn Hoyt

Still Waters



Salomon Luque

Run Deep

"I ought to die, but I just don't get around to it!" Salomon Luque's joking remark is a reflection of the constant shadow hovering over his life.

Salomon has not let this shadow get in the way of his effectiveness for the Lord. His service as pastor of the General Deheza church in the southern part of Cordoba, Argentina, has been exemplary.

Born into the family of Fernando Luque, a drunkard, Salomon was raised in the atmosphere of alcoholism until his early teens when his father met the Lord. Fernando had made a profession of faith several years earlier in a Pentecostal tent meeting, but he was never really saved until the early 1950s under the ministry of Brethren missionary Jack Churchill. At the time of conversion, Fernando's life was thoroughly transformed. The church building

standing in Rio Tercero is the reflection of many hundreds of hours of his loving labor for the Lord.

Salomon had wanted to attend the Bible institute since he was 11 years old. When he became old enough to go, he entered the school and studied there from 1958 to 1961.

It was during this period that doctors discovered he had a heart murmur. To some people this would signal the end of a career—but not to Salomon. He was convinced that the Lord wanted him where he was, so he kept right on working for the Lord.

While serving on an evangelistic team in 1960, Salomon ministered in a meeting at a

little country town called Gigena. One of the young ladies who attended those services noticed him right away and was very attracted to him. He never really noticed her, however, until two years later when they both served as counselors at the Billy Graham Crusade in the city of Cordoba. He then became acquainted with Inez Davicino.

After serving in an internship under the supervision of the institute faculty in the church at General Deheza, Salomon was called to pastor the church at Corral de Bustos. He had a fruitful ministry there until 1969. When he married Inez, they went to General Deheza where Salomon assumed the pastorate. The Luques have ministered there ever since.

Going to the church at General Deheza was not easy. Shortly before his arrival, certain doctrinal errors were influencing the Brethren Church in Argentina, and the congregation at General Deheza was no exception. Salomon believed the General Deheza church still had some potential and possibilities left, and with this in mind, he dedicated himself to the work there.

Mrs. Luque is a vital part of the ministry in the church. She is a wonderful children's worker. She heads up the Sunday school, and under her leadership it has grown to an attendance of 75 or 80. Inez also helps Salomon

monitor himself so he will not overwork. She takes the doctor's dictum seriously—"If you don't overdo, you can live to a ripe old age."

Because many churches in Argentina do not pay their pastors a sufficient salary, Salomon has always had to hold down another job in order to support the family. This has been an opportunity for him to be a real witness. When his wife recently quit her public schoolteaching position, Salomon went to work full time at the municipality. They had asked him to do so several times before, but he never felt free to.

The government's reason for choosing him for his particular job is interesting. The town council felt that Salomon was the only person they could trust to collect the bills for pavement construction. They decided Salomon would not only handle the money well but would keep his fingers out of the till, too. He now works in the town office and is home and free by 2:30 p.m.

Salomon's ministry is not showy. Unless you go to Deheza and see for yourself, you might conclude that he isn't doing anything. But one look at the statistics for his church and, better yet, at the men whom he has spent his time training will change your thinking completely.

In Salomon's case the proverb stands true—"Still waters run deep."



Salomon and Inez Luque, with their daughters, Leticia and Rebeca

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□ On the inside front cover and page 47, the phone number for the Board of Evangelism should be: (703) 345-5013. □ On page 68, two churches should be listed under Des Moines, Iowa. The listings should be as follows:

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E. 10th and Lyon Sts., 50316
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DES MOINES (Robert Wilson)

Grace Brethren Church
(All mail to: 4909 Pine Valley Dr.,
Pleasant Hill, Iowa 50317)

□ The pastor at Tonalea, Ariz., is John Trujillo, and the church name has been changed to Red Lake Community Grace Brethren Church. □ First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif., mailing address: P.O. Box 174, 90608. □ The address for the secretary of the Lansing, Mich., church should be 12381 Broadbent, Lansing, 48837. □ Robert V. Carmean is the pastor of the Grace Brethren Chapel, Canal Fulton, Ohio. □ The secretary of the Lima, Ohio, church is Dr. Stephen Sandy, 2448 Greendale, Lima, Ohio 45801. □ The secretary of the Armagh, Pa., church is Mrs. Sandy Stiles, Box 82, Seward, Pa. 15954. □ The phone number for the secretary of the Gospel Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., should be 703/989-3245.

Ministers

□ R. Darrell Anderson, 3020 Newtown Rd., No. 20, Placerville, Calif. 95667. □ The church listing for Bruce Baker should be Laurel Mt. Grace Brethren Church, Boswell, Pa. □ The church listing for Carl Baker should be Laurel Mt. Grace Brethren Church, Boswell,

Pa. □ The phone number for Dr. Russell D. Barnard should be: 219/267-6986. □ Duane Bartle's zip code should be 91762. □ The street address for Russell Betz should be 351 N.W. 37th St. □ Richard Cron, Community Grace Brethren Church, 12200 Oxford Dr., La Mirada, Calif. 90638 (Tel. 213/947-5672). □ The address of Howard Downing, pastor of the new work at Marysville, Ohio, is 8240 Smith-Calhoun Rd., Plain City, Ohio 43064. □ The new address for Daryle Emch is 5300 70th Ave., N., Apt. 108-B, Pinellas Park, Fla. 33565 (Tel. 813/526-2471). □ Jay Fretz has assumed the pastorate of the North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church, Kokomo, Ind. □ Elmer Fricke, 4 Azalea Rd., Mount Hermon, Calif. 95041. □ Gilbert Hawkins, Box 180, Beaver City, Neb. 68926. □ Dean Hertzler, 2916 Theodorus Ct., Virginia Beach, Va. 23456. □ Lyle Marvin's phone number is 213/430-5106. □ The telephone number for Earle Peer is 717/232-3416. □ George Ritchey's address should be Shawmut, Mont. □ William H. Schaffer has accepted the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio, and began his ministry there Feb. 17. His address is: 96 W. Central Ave., Camden, Ohio 45311. □ Ken Silva's address is 2413 Peppermint Dr., Modesto, Calif. 95355. □ Daniel White, 1417 N.E. Paropact Ct., Gresham, Oreg. 97030. □ James H. Wingfield, R. R. 1, Box 346-A, Rocky Mount, Va. 24151. □ Paul Woodruff, 4319 N. Vinewood Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 46254.



□ (L.-R.) Mrs. Margaret Zook, Sunday school superintendent of the Sacramento, Calif., Grace Brethren Church, is pictured here with Pastor Richard Cron as he presented the "Teacher of the Year" award plaque to Mrs. Ruth Veal, teacher of the junior girls (grades fourth through sixth).

□ The first anniversary of the LaMirada, Calif., church was observed Jan. 9, and 97 people were in attendance. The school enrollment, kindergarten through eighth grade, is nearly 600 on both campuses, which fills them to capacity. John Mayes and Richard Cron, pastors.

□ Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich is serving as interim pastor of the Clearwater, Fla., Grace Brethren Church, following the resignation of Rev. Marion Thomas.

□ Warren Tamkin has resigned as pastor of the Suburban Grace Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pa., and has assumed the pastorate of the new work in Island Pond, Vt.

□ Robert Ashman has been serving as interim pastor at Bethel Brethren Church in Berne, Ind.

□ Wanted—Godly male primary schoolteacher at Grace Christian School, Anchorage, Alaska. Call (907) 349-2114 for more information. Larry Smithwick, pastor; Star Route A 1622 K (Whispering Spruce), Anchorage, Alaska 99507.

meetings

Allen H. Herr will be holding an evangelistic meeting in the Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif., March 23-27. James Ament, pastor.

marriages

Heartily congratulations to, and may God's blessings rest always upon, these new families who join the Brethren Missionary Herald readership. A six-month free subscription to the Herald is given to newlyweds whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Denise Cornwell and Andrew Pearson, July 21, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Karen Weller and Chester Doty, Jr., July 21, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Marianne Pearson and Kim Veenker, Aug. 25, Grace Brethren Church, Kent, Wash.

Mona Nagle and John Doyle, Sept. 1, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Gwen Righter and Keith Plourd, Sept. 1, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Garrison, Oct. 5, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lew, Oct. 6, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Molly Glover and Daniel Green, Oct. 20, Grace Brethren Church, Toppenish, Wash.

Marlene Slonka and Curtis Shugars, Oct. 27, Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.

Evelyn Martin and Charles Alexander, Nov. 2, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. John Israel, Nov. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Phelps, Nov. 16, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Davis, Nov. 17, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Roseann Martinez and Phil Sturz, Nov. 17, Bellflower Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.

Teresa Schilperoort and Benno Marx, Nov. 24, Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash.

deaths

Notices in this column must be submitted in writing by the pastor.

ARMENTROUT, Michelle, Dec. 28, a faithful teenage member of the Covington Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va. Michael Wingfield, pastor.

ARNOLD, Ethel, 84, Dec. 23, member of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

BARRETT, George, Dec. 29, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

CRAWFORD, Walter, Sr., Dec. 21, member of the Covington Grace Brethren Church, Covington, Va. Michael Wingfield, pastor.

DAY, Linda, Nov. 29, member of the Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md. James Dixon, pastor.

DeHART, Moir, Nov. 30, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md. James Dixon, pastor.

ECKES, Dolly, Nov. 1, member of the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Charles Davis, pastor.

FAUNCE, Ben, Dec. 14, member of the Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Charles Davis, pastor.

HALL, Henry, 73, member of the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. Ron Thompson, pastor.

KELLOGG, Elise, Dec. 20, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

LADD, Mary Ellen, Oct. 5, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

McCLAIN, Evelyn, 91, Jan. 9, a charter member of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Gerald S. Allebach, pastor.

NELSON, Clifford, Oct. 5, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

NININGER, Dr. Robert, 76, member of the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. Ron Thompson, pastor.

SEWELL, Hazel, Oct. 30, member of the Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md., James Dixon, pastor.

SMITH, Sterling, Oct. 25, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.



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- * Giving to our regular budget
- * Suggestions and input by mail
- * What you're doing in your church for CE
- * Planning ahead for the summer's Youth Conference and CE Convention
- * Response to our literature and mail helps
- * Encouragement!

THANK YOU MUCH!

CE Dates and Events to Come

SMM Patroness Workshops—

Southern California
Judy Ashman
April 20-May 6, 1980

CE Special Awards Application Deadline—May 1, 1980

District WMC and SMM Rallies

—West Penn
Judy Ashman
May 8-11, 1980

Rocky Mountain Timothy

Team—May 17-June 18,
1980

Operation Barnabas—June and July, 1980

Brethren National Youth Conference—Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind. July 26-August 2, 1980

Christian Education Convention—Winona Lake, Ind. July 27 and 28, 1980

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Happy Birthday Dear Sunday School...

You deserve it, my friend. You started out as a special gift from God and you have matured your way to wisdom.

It's good to have you around, and to become better acquainted with your virtues and remarkable potential.

Why, if there were no you—and we go way back to the concerns of Robert Raikes in Gloucester, England, 1780, to give thanks—we would be wanting some ways to do calling that grips our hearts.

We would try to figure out how to get someone who does all the things you can do:

1. Provide a way to teach small groups the Scriptures on a regular basis.
2. Open up a weekly opportunity for many teachers in the church to share the Word and transfer their love for the Lord to other people.
3. Make love happen—with all ages sharing and growing with their friends and seeing how the Bible can help and how they can too!
4. Establish an organized outlet for musical talents, gifts of serving and helping, and many ways of ministering through class openings and projects.
5. Become a base, in adult classes, for real pastoral care and concerns and yokefellowship between Sundays, with socials, visiting, and care lists.
6. Serve as a good standard for measurement of interest in the Word.
7. Become a way to promote attendance and bringing of visitors, without grabbing too much time from the church services. What a concern you've had for the poor, the children whose parents won't teach them, as well as the perfect single or couple who wants to mature in Christ.

*Sunday school, we love you and wish you many happy returns.
Have a really good year!*

Krute Hason

STAFF PEOPLE AT CE: Ed Lewis, Ginny Toroian, and Judy Ashman are all part of an exciting singles class at Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church that has grown by leaps and smiles and real caring and studies about real living recently. Over 40 are attending this class that meets in the front of the Missions Building and often hangs around a long time just to talk. . . . Ann Schaefer, who helps part-time with extra secretarial and shipping, is from the growing CE-minded church of our former president, James Dixon, in Temple Hills, Maryland. So is her fiancé, Ken Hynes. . . . Ginny Toroian is taking two seminary courses this winter semester, studying *Salvation and the Christian Life* and *The Christian Family*. . . . Kevin Huggins attended the January 2-4 Gospel Light conference to show new developments in literature and explain their philosophy and also to share a lot about help for the small church. He came back with a good appreciation for the trends at GL and for their literature, and urging you to order through the Herald Company.

Let's go back to jump ahead . . . Robert Raikes, in 1780, put it together. . . .

It's birthday 200

for the Sunday school!

Light the Candles!

help in Christian ed, youth, and church growth

This is the two-hundredth birthday of a great idea, and we want you to get in on the party.

Happy Birthday, dear Sunday school!

And thank you, Robert Raikes.

It was in England, Gloucester to be specific, on a sidewalk to be exact, where Raikes was beat up by a bunch of kids. Age: 11-12. Number: many.

"You think that's bad tonight," an unsympathetic lady told Raikes, "you ought to see what those kids do on Sundays when they don't have to be at work."

The children were victims of the horrible mistreatment in employment that later brought on the child labor laws in England. Many of them worked at 8 years of age, and often 10-12 hours a day in factories.

Raikes, a wealthy newspaperman who was moved to care by his beating, decided he would get a school on Sunday started to teach these children to read and write and know the Bible. He hired the first teachers and Sunday school was born.

Sixty million people now are part of Sunday schools today.

And so we celebrate that vision of care, and want to do some more of it!

The first schools were held in kitchens, with paid teachers and students from the poorer sections of Gloucester mostly. The idea caught on like wildfire in England, and 4 years later 250,000 children were benefiting! Within 50 years, a million and a quarter of England's children were learning.

Some of the motley students who were rowdy in Raikes' first class grew up to help start classes other places.

And the idea crossed the ocean. Francis Scott Key is one famous per-

son connected with the early days in our states. He helped get the Mississippi Valley Enterprise passed, was influential in getting Daniel Webster into the Sunday school movement, and was responsible for a movement that turned into 61,299 Sunday schools in the central valley of our country, with 407,242 teachers, and 8,650,784 students—all during the first 50 years of this Mississippi Valley Enterprise.

Oh yes, and somewhere in there Key wrote the "Star-Spangled Banner."

What a great idea—the Sunday school, that is.

If we were hurting to know what the church should do to

reach the world around it . . .

and to get people involved in know-

ing the Lord's Word . . .

and to help the ministers (other than the pastors) into studying the Word and learning it to teach it . . .

and if we wanted a way for people to relate with love to others in their churches . . .

we probably would come up with something on the order of a Sunday school.

What a great way to get love and truth into the heart of a child.

Or to help an adult learn to love and relate to someone who has come for sermons but has not been challenged to ask questions or face issues.

Sunday school can do it all, if we are willing to help!

A Birthday Celebration



What every member should do about Sunday school . . .

- . . . sit up front (this also helps late-comers)
- . . . tell your teacher specifically what you appreciate
- . . . come a few minutes early
- . . . read the text ahead and contribute to discussion
- . . . stay for church (to show you support it as part of the total program)
- . . . bring a friend, then introduce them to others as you sit down
- . . . thank your and your children's teachers for their ministry in the lives of your family

Awards for 1980

Three New Ones Too!

For many years CE has honored a "Sunday School of the Year" on the basis of growth, structure and programming of a Sunday school. In 1978 a "Church of the Year" award was added to give recognition to a church on the move in its total picture.

"The Senior Medal of Ministry" and "Christian Educator of the Year" have been awarded to four people (two in each category) who have been prime examples of servants and dedicated followers of Christ.

Besides a new branch of the "Church of the Year" award to be given to the up-and-coming new church, honors will be given for

1. CE Idea of the Year—

—A new way to approach and expand a current ministry to train believers to serve.

—a new idea for church growth that has a measurable effect.

—A new program for a specialized age group (senior citizens, children, youth, single adults, and so forth).

—a specific approach to discipleship.

2. Alexander Mack Baptism-Membership Award—

—to the church with the best achievement for their size, in the process of baptism and membership.

3. Resurrection of the Year—

—to the church with the best revival-and-comeback from low points, sign of new life growth.

Application deadline for all awards is May 1, 1980. Forms are available from GBC Christian Education, P.O. Box 365, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Thanks to Many

By now many of you have responded to our January and February appeal for help to move to a new office location that can be a great help in the ministries ahead. Thanks to all who have helped!

If you would like to help us move, please feel free! Our total need for the land-contract purchase and

parking lot and several adjustments is \$100,000 (much less than the cost to build). Thanks for your encouragement and help for our part in the Lord's Christian education.

The move, you know, is because of the enlargement of the Herald bookstore ministry.

Thanks for your concerns.



DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH

REPORT

Div. Church

A	Simi Valley, Calif.
B	Waterloo, Iowa
C	Modesto, Calif. (Big Valley)
D	Columbus, Ohio (East Side)
E	Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)
F	Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)
G	Colorado Springs, Colo.
H	Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)
I	Anchorage, Alaska
J	Dryhill, Ky.
N	Udell, Iowa

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The Growing Church

by Ron Carnevali, bus pastor, Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania

The Bus of Love

Use buses for love and church growth ministries!

About 6 years ago the Lord led us into the bus ministry. Most of the people we bring in on our buses are children, many from poverty. Most of the adults we bring in are handicapped. Because of the large number of children, our Sunday school classes have been split two and three times.

While we've been bringing in the poor, the maimed and the halt, the Lord has been sending families with the means to pay for them. We have 27 families in our church who were reached directly through the bus ministry. They serve on the deacon board, in Sunday school and children's church; go on visitation; captain bus routes and sit on church council.

God has provided us with workers who invite in the streets, keep the buses operating and clean, and provide money. Last year we spent \$21,381.64 for our bus ministry, but the Lord provided \$25,925.57 to pay the bills.

It costs in weary Sunday school teachers who lovingly teach the Lord's discipline. It costs in dirty carpets and smudged walls. It costs in time and dedicated workers burning themselves out for children who sometimes don't seem to care.

But as our "bus kids" grow up, they get involved. And many are or will be helping with our new Riverside Christian Academy or Riverside Bible Institute, or otherwise helping ministries expand.

Some of Our Best Friends are — Young Adults

Involved in Ministry



— A program of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches for its students who feel God's leading toward a full-time Christian career.

— A national program directed through the GBC Christian Education office, to help local churches in their encouragement of young people who have made a commitment to pursue a full-time Christian career.

— A program which provides Bible study materials, correspondence, information booklets from GBC Christian Ed and various mailings from other Brethren offices.

— A program of prayer support. Each member's name is given to prayer partners in cooperation with the national Women's Missionary Council (WMC).

TIMOTHY TEAM

— A program of field training for church work and all of ministry. On-the-job experience that is immeasurable.

— A program involving discipleship, teaching, leading instruction sessions and organizing.

— A program of encouragement to a local church; training and influence with the local teens; training in music, puppets, drama and evangelism; influencing by lives and words sharp Timothy Team members who are serving Christ.

— A program with goals and purposes: guidance and direction to teens on a one-to-one basis; building of various ministry groups in a church; evangelism and outreach; example and encouragement to the church family; field experience and training in Brethren Church ministries; encourage team members to continue their pursuit of a Christian career.

Valerie Byers
Junior, Grace College
Member: BSLV and
Timothy Teams



Valerie Byers was a sophomore in high school when she made a real commitment to Christ. It was the fall of 1974.

At a youth meeting in the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church the kids were challenged to live a consistent Christian life. To that point it had been too easy to live life one way at church and around Christian family and friends, and live a completely different way at school and around others.

There was a revival in the youth group and Val, among others, decided to fully follow Christ and be ready to do whatever He wants . . . whenever He wants . . . wherever He wants.

That's when Val was introduced to BSLV. "I found out what that stood for—Brethren Student Life Volunteers—and knew it involved some type of commitment for service."

"While I was in high school we had a BSLV club in our church. We met once a month for breakfast and had special visits from people involved in Christian service. That plus material from GBC Christian Ed helped a lot in encouraging us."

From there Val began to get involved. And not just in her local youth group. In the summer of 1975 she served with Operation Barnabas on the East Coast. Then, for 10 weeks in the summer of 1978 Valerie ministered at the Los Angeles Brethren Messianic Testimony under the TIME program.

As a member of BSLV, Val is eligible to participate in the Timothy Teams. So far she has been involved for four semesters. Says Val, "It has had a big impact. I have experienced so many changes . . . every semester it's something different! I've seen changes in my attitude and thinking concerning ministry. I've been challenged to minister more!"

"The more I learn, the more I see that I have yet to learn. It excites me to see the changes . . . and the Lord never stops teaching."

Are BSLV and Timothy Teams worth it? "I'm excited to be in the Lord's work, doing what He wants. There's no place I'd rather be in the whole wide world!"

***Thank You for helping us encourage
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Women Manifesting Christ

Missionary Birthdays

MAY 1980

(If no address is listed, the address will be found on pages 28 and 29 of the 1980 Grace Brethren Annual.)

AFRICA

Mrs. Robert Skeen May 1
Nathan Stallter May 3, 1979
Mrs. Larry Pfahler May 17
Mr. Werner Kammler May 30

ARGENTINA

Michael Hoyt May 8, 1975
Kathryn Hoyt May 13, 1974
Philip Hoyt May 16, 1971

FRANCE

Mrs. Larry DeArmey May 5
Rev. Larry DeArmey May 9

GERMANY

Mrs. John Pappas May 1

IN THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. Earle Hodgdon May 13
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Offering Opportunity



Goal — \$11,000

Due Date — June 10

The National WMC project for foreign missions this year is a continuation of raising funds towards the building of a new mission residence in Winona Lake, Indiana, to be used for missionaries on furlough, missionary candidate school, and board members. The need is great!

Sent of God

WMC Idea File

— Remember, if you started saving a dime a week in September, by the end of the WMC year you will have completed your part in the Christian Ed offering, Thank offering, and Missionary Birthday offering. It's not too late to catch up now.

— Please use the WMC order blank when ordering materials from the national literature secretary.

— District presidents, do the presidents of your local councils know what questions will be asked of them on statistical blanks? Inform them now if it hasn't been done before.

— Continue to pray for your BSLV student by name.

— Have a progressive dinner for your group upon reaching a goal of your choice: meeting a financial need, gaining new members, and so forth.—*California*

— Adapt, adapt. Good for you ladies who found the theme song not to your liking and found a suitable replacement. Several councils have found other choruses that were also in tune with the theme. All have somehow met the challenge to learn a new song to represent the idea that we are ladies "Sent of God." Our programs are not dictatorial but serve as an umbrella where we can all meet in some aspect and share our beliefs, our vision, and our purpose of being "Women Manifesting Christ."

— Sharing lives. Share the life styles of several of your members at each meeting for the next several months. Personal testimonies can be incorporated into this aspect of the meeting. A different way of presenting the same idea could be a mystery guest sharing the description of the person, not only physical characteristics but accomplishments, spiritual life, and so forth.

Homework

by Mildred Detlefsen
Vienna, Virginia

One snowy day last winter I set out food for the wildlife. As I watched, a squirrel picked up a walnut. He tried in vain for several minutes to crack the nut. Instead of discarding it as of no use to him, he made his way to the foot of a tree where I had recently filled a low spot with loose, soft dirt. God puts a bit of wisdom in His creatures. The squirrel knew just where to bury the nut. Later, in the spring, I noticed the empty shells lying under the tree. The nut had been stored in a safe place. It was easier to crack and was still good food for the squirrel.

As I read my Bible, I sometimes come across a passage I do not understand. If I have the wisdom God gave the squirrel, I will not cast those words aside. I will hide them in my heart while it is still soft and I am willing to learn. At a later time I can take them out and use them. The words will be my spiritual food for comfort, instruction and fellowship with the Lord.

by Mrs. Dan Pacheco
National WMC President

We've been recalled.

Well, our Granada has been recalled.

The Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that our vehicle or engine may be emitting pollutants in excess of federal emission standards.

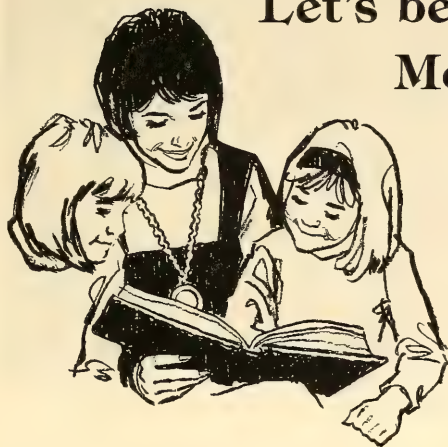
They tell us that a backpressure transducer (which is part of the exhaust gas recirculation system) isn't working and it may cause excessive "engine detonation" or a "spark knock" condition that would be noticeable while accelerating. Since it was the company's fault to begin with, they will fix it at no charge to us. We only need to be willing to spend a little time at the garage. The mechanic will install a reinforcing clip on the transducer or, if by chance it's nonfunctioning, he'll replace the whole thing.

I've almost quoted the letter and maybe it doesn't even make you smile. But I had to chuckle.

It's so much like me. My Lord determines that the message coming out of my life isn't right, so He recalls me. Maybe through Scripture, a crisis, or a friend's loving rebuke. I need some reinforcement by the Holy Spirit so the old nature cannot be noticeable. Sometimes this condition happens when I'm busy (and getting busier) with God's work, and self begins to emerge.

One difference is the federal emission standards are not stable, but God's standards are unchangeable. Another difference is that in my case the creator is not at fault. But still He's willing to make the adjustment—if only I'm willing to allow Him to do it.

Let's be a Mother



What is a mother, anyway? In several months we will hear all the glowing terms about a mother's love, sacrifice, gifts, thoughts, and many other attributes of the female parent in poetry and prose as we near the celebration of the day set aside for mothers.

Biologically, we don't see too many large families anymore. Everyone seems to sense a necessity to keep the family small, whether the pressure be a concern for the environment, because of the financial needs of a large family, or numerous other reasons. But the family that I am speaking of is quite large. Of course, it is not a biological family. A mother is one who has produced offspring, cares for, protects and nurtures that same offspring. In this way WMC can be considered the mother of the SMM family. As long as I can remember, in Brethren circles this has been true to some extent. We have expected the right to be considered when program changes were initiated, new goals were set, and directors employed. Along with that right goes a responsibility.

As a daughter grows physically, so has SMM matured into the organization as we see it today. From one group of teen-age girls meeting in a pastor's home with the

pastor's wife, SMM has blossomed into a national organization of girls supplying a lively program suitable for all ages from little girls to their teen-age counterparts.

Mothers see many changes in their children. They experience with the child some of the following symptoms: growth pains, illness and fatigue. But the majority of mothers do not give up the battle although the going might be tough for a time, because as ones who have traveled the road to maturity, they knew the end result. Christian mothers have an inner resource that not all possess to stimulate their love and devotion as they recall the love, devotion, and sacrifice of our Saviour.

Today, the program of SMM can encompass each girl in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Providing a Grace Brethren approach, programs are available for Little Sisters, grades 1-3; Amigas, grades 4-6; Lumieres, grades 7-9; and Charis, grades 10-12. Meeting girls' needs in every avenue are strong points of this organization. Goals include: mission, Bible, sewing, music, camping, literature, photography, leadership, doctrine, babysitting, and nature. This is a random sampling from all four levels of achievement.

As WMC ladies we have been used of God in the past to sponsor this group in many ways. First, we have worked in our local churches as patronesses or adult leaders of a local group. We have prayed for the girls and given of our financial means to support them locally, on a district level, and nationally.

At present we are not the only parent. SMM has its national offices in the Christian Education Department headquarters in Winona Lake, Indiana. Miss Judy Ashman, director of SMM, is a tireless employee, but is also so much more than that. Her enthusiasm is contagious and through her effort and that of her predecessor, Mrs. Dottie Franks, SMM is what it is today.

Reference has been made in the recent past that WMC has not met its obligation to aid in the work of SMM. No one has said, "Hey, you didn't do your job," but we are guilty, nonetheless. Each year we have set an offering goal for the Christian Education Department and statistics show that this one goal has not been met. Money from this offering goes toward the salary paid the director and also a scholarship to Grace College is provided for the National SMM Girl of the Year. The scholarship has been paid and Judy still gets her check, but we have not been doing our share. CE has been grateful for everything we contribute, for the support we show in other ways and accepted our check with a smile but as mothers we can't (or shouldn't) count on SMM's other parent to supply totally for our child.

We have again set our goal for an SMM offering. Each WMC member should have a goal of supplying \$1.50 during our WMC year so far towards this work. A lot of us would gladly supply this to a biological daughter if she were hungry, or in need of clothing. We should remember that SMM supplies spiritual food as well as preparation for a life of service to our Lord if we but do our part, financially, and through avenues of service and act as mothers.—*Editorial comment by Mrs. Linda Hoke, WMC editor*

No WMC is an Island

Do you ever feel like your WMC group is just too small and that you don't really amount to a whole lot? Do you sometimes think it doesn't really matter if you send in a small offering or not? Do you know that last year out of 262 local councils like yours our national officers received reports from 253 groups, and there were 4,769 ladies on the membership roll at that time? During the same time period our ladies gave over \$65,000 to national projects plus the projects done on the local and district level. Does that sound like a small group to you?

We all serve the same Lord and that increases our capabilities greatly. No matter if the individual groups conduct meetings in different fashion, our goal is still the same—to be “Women Manifesting Christ.” You are not alone—a sister on the other side of the state, the country, or the world, for that matter, is seeking to serve the Lord as you do through WMC. Little is much when God is in it!
—*Council Quotes*, Mid-Atlantic District



WMC's National President Miriam Pacheco met with the Florida women during a recent trip south to reorganize Florida as a WMC district

“Since you had to go in August, it's only right you get to go in January!” That was a friend's evaluation of my recent trip to Florida.

But whatever the season and wherever the direction, it's a pleasure to get together with WMC women across our Fellowship.

The vital link between local and district councils and national WMC is the district president. These links are joined at our summer national board meetings. We have been praying for a couple years that our chain would once again be complete with the Florida link in place.

As I met with over 70 ladies across Florida, I was thrilled with their eagerness to reorganize as a district. I was privileged to meet with ladies in 8 of the 11 Florida churches, and each group voiced this same goal.

It has also been my privilege to meet with pastors' wives at the Homes Missions' western and eastern workshops. Our thanks to the Brethren Home Missions Council for providing the time. Our thanks to pastors across our Fellowship for their support of WMC. Our thanks to the pastors' wives for their ministries among women. It's a blessing to be a part of an organization that provides an avenue of ministry, and many pastors' wives have found WMC to be effective in churches of all sizes and localities.

We are working together to better every aspect of WMC—organization, devotional programs, missions emphasis, prayer fellowship—to meet the needs of Christian women and to glorify our lovely Lord. Women Manifesting Christ—not only a slogan, but a reality.—*Mrs. Dan Pacheco, National WMC President*

Puerto Rican Adventure



by Dr. John J. Davis

Muyaguaz, San Juan and Caguas are not exactly household words in Winona Lake, Indiana, but for the Grace College basketball team and its coaches, they hold very special significance. Late December 26 the Lancers boarded the touring bus "The Night Hawk" and 30 hours later were on their way via airplane to San Juan, Puerto Rico.

But why Puerto Rico, you may ask? Coach Kessler described the goals of such a trip in this way: "We desire to provide as many significant opportunities as possible for every athlete to grow as a total man, that is, spiritually, physically, and intellectually. Travel in a land like Puerto Rico brings us in direct contact with a unique international brand of basketball which enriches our program, provides a firsthand view of missionary effort, and, finally, gives an opportunity for cultural broadening."

It did not take the Lancers very long to find out what international quality of basketball is all about as they battled the Caguas national team at the Corillos coliseum. The Lancers made an impressive showing, but fell to the national team by 12 points. On the following night, it was a different story, however, as the young Lancers adjusted to international rules, and physical aspects of the game, to extend the national team right to the end of the game, losing by a mere 4 points. Perhaps what was most impressive was the fact that the Puerto Rican nationals were using 5 players who had Panamerican olympic experience.

Sightseeing, shopping, and visits to national churches established by the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches were included in travels around the island. Daily contact with missionary Norm Schrock and national believers gave players a firsthand view of what missionary work is all about in another land.

After a one-week tour of Puerto Rico, the Lancers headed for Miami, and a game with one of the finer NCAA Division II teams in Florida—Biscayne College. Biscayne schedules such teams as South Carolina, Florida, Dayton, Texas, Maine and Rutgers universities.

Nestled in this impressive schedule was the Grace game which proved to be all Biscayne could handle. The Lancers battled this team very effectively, but were not able to overcome a 4-point deficit at the buzzer. This was the only Lancer loss on the tour in regular season play. Grace then defeated Homestead Air Force Base that had an 11-1 record in an exhibition game. Other victories were recorded over Clearwater Christian, Florida Institute of Technology and Pensacola College.

Travel in Florida also included many church services, youth meetings and seminars. The expression "serving Christ through athletics" which appears on athletic programs and literature from Grace is not a mere religious cliché. It is intended to convey the real dynamic of Lancer and Lancerette athletics.

Church suppers, special meals both in Puerto Rico and Florida, coupled with snorkeling off the coral reefs in Key West and swimming at beautiful Sanibel Island, added a very special touch to the whole tour. Who can forget the many hours on the "Night Hawk Express," a bus designed to provide sleeping as well as travel accommodations. Dinners by the roadside, coffee breaks at truck stops, Bible reading and study on the bus are all part of the memories of this trip.

The memories, the spiritual enrichment and success on the basketball court with a 3-1 record makes this one of the finest athletic tours in Grace College history. It again provides substantial evidence that it is something special to wear the Lancer uniform.

How Grace Works



by John J. Davis
*Executive Vice President,
Grace College and Seminary*

President's Administrative Council—(left to right) Back row : Dr. E. William Male, Mr. Richard Messner, Mr. Daniel Snively, and Mr. Ronald Clinger. Front row: Dr. John J. Davis, Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., and Dr. Vance Yoder.

Wednesday afternoons are a very special time for seven men on the Grace campus who meet to develop strategies by which the policies established by the Board of Trustees are effectively implemented. This committee is known as the President's Administrative Council, and deals with a wide range of issues, from finance to institutional image and mission. This body also provides the president with a flow of information that will enable him to lead the school more effectively.

Many decisions that affect the academic, social, and spiritual life of the institutions, however, are not made in this committee, but in well-organized faculty and staff committees which are appointed annually. These committees oversee academic policies, student discipline, athletic programs, library operations and cultural and social events.

Many policies are also developed by the respective faculties in their regular meetings. Such decisions are usually based on recommendations by various committees which have done broad research and have examined all contingencies with regard to a policy.

Decisions which affect the campus as a whole, or involve major expenditures, are normally brought

to the President's Administrative Council for deliberation and disposition. Special problems which affect institutional policy or procedures are also brought here, either by its representative members or outside groups or individuals who may be invited for a special presentation.

No decision is made in the council without careful examination of the alternatives, and the effect that such a decision will have on the student bodies, faculty members, campus budget, or outside public.

The President's Administrative Council was established about 17 years ago under Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, who was president of Grace Schools. All major areas of the school's operation are well represented in this committee. It consists of the executive vice president, academic dean of the college, dean of the seminary, college dean of student's, director of business affairs, and the director of development.

Allow me to introduce you to the council members and reveal some of their personal interests.

The office of executive vice president was created three years ago by the Board of Trustees. At that time it was their desire to establish a team concept in top level administration. Dr. Homer A.

Kent, Jr., was appointed president, and the writer executive vice president, to serve as a team to share responsibility for institutional leadership. Dr. Kent and the writer felt that there was a need for a balance in administrative responsibility, which would include on-campus teaching, in order to remain a part of the academic community, as well as off-campus representation. Even when the president is absent from campus on official business, the president's office continues to be represented by the executive vice president. It is the desire of Dr. Kent and the writer to be accessible to students, faculty, and staff members, in order to prevent the occurrence of difficulties, rather than to have to solve them after an absence from campus. Public relations activities of the school are shared by the president and executive vice president during the school year. This enables both administrators to remain part of the academic community while still representing Grace Schools to the various publics away from the campus in Bible conferences, fund-raising activities, and student recruitment.

The executive vice president is also responsible for overseeing the activities of the Winona Lake Christian Assembly, Grace Manu-



“Yet For Love’s Sake . . .”

by George J. Zemek

*Assistant Professor of Homiletics
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“O foolish Galatians . . .” What boldness! “What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.” What authority! Contemporary Christians stand in awe of apostolic authority to the extent that they sometimes become envious. After all, it would seem that if one could wield the authority of the Apostle Paul, difficult interpersonal relationships could be swiftly rectified. However, we do not possess apostolic authority; besides, Paul himself well knew that the end does not necessarily justify the means even in the cause of Christ.

All too often, it seems that we are so inclined to focus our attention on the

powerful Paul than our vision of the personal Paul—Paul the Christian brother and gentleman—is obstructed. It was this Paul who had responded to the Lord Jesus Christ’s challenge of “Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart . . .” (Matt. 11:29). Much can be learned from the personal Paul, and his methodology concerning interpersonal relationships is certainly worthy of emulation. In the little Epistle to Philemon, this methodology is beautifully illustrated.

The Epistle is quite personal in nature. It is concerned with a runaway slave named Onesimus, whose master was a wealthy Christian of the city of Colossae named Philemon. Through the providence of God (v. 15), Onesimus fled to Rome where he encountered the Apostle Paul and was subsequently led to the Lord Jesus.

Paul faced the problem of reconciling the once “worthless” (v. 11, “unprofitable”) Onesimus to his old master. The Apostle knew that Onesimus was now a full-fledged member of the family of God, as much so as Philemon (cf. Eph. 6:5-9). Even though Onesimus had probably wronged and stolen from Philemon, his return and reception should be as a brother in Christ (v. 16).

In sending Onesimus back to his old

facturing, and the intercollegiate athletic program. Regular reports are given to the president on these various operations as well as other campus activities. In addition to a consultative role and assisting the president in various assignments, the executive vice president is coordinating the long-range planning process.

Dr. Vance Yoder is another key member of the President’s Administrative Council. As academic dean of the college, he bears responsibility for the department of admissions, the faculty, and the general academic policy. Dr. Yoder received the Ph.D. degree at Ohio State University and is an outstanding musician. He, too, continues to teach and maintains a vital link with the academic community. He is in his sixth year as academic dean and member of the President’s Administrative Council. He enjoys jogging and is active in the Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church as a Sunday school teacher in the adult department.

The dean of the seminary is no stranger to those acquainted with Grace Schools. Dr. E. William Male is in his sixteenth year as a member of the President’s Administrative Council and brings to that position a very broad background of experience. Dr. Male served as academic dean of the college for 12 years and played a vital role in the ultimate accreditation of that institution. He is in his fourth year as the dean of the seminary. In addition to gardening, Dr. Male is an excellent pilot and enjoys flying, using the Warsaw airport as his base. The responsibilities of the seminary dean include oversight of the seminary faculty, department of admissions, student affairs and postgraduate studies.

Richard G. Messner, director of development, brings to the President’s Administrative Council a long and varied experience as professor and coach. For 10 years he served as athletic director and head basketball coach. He also was a very effective teacher in the Biblical Studies Department. In 1965, he assumed the responsibility of directing

the development program of Grace College and Theological Seminary. In his leisure moments he enjoys playing tennis and racquetball. He, like Dr. Male, possesses a pilot’s license and enjoys flying although he is quick to observe, “I am strictly a fair weather pilot.”

Dan Snively is a new member of the President’s Administrative Council, having assumed the position of college dean of students earlier this year. He previously served for four years as associate dean of students with Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum. Having received the Master of Arts degree from Ball State University in student personnel administration, Snively is eminently qualified by experience and training to serve as dean of students. His office is responsible for campus activities, discipline, social and athletic programs. When not engaged in campus activity he enjoys sports, hunting, and fishing.

The newest member of the President’s Administrative Council is Ronald Clinger, director of business affairs. It is his responsibility to coordinate food service, student aid,

budget control, and general campus maintenance. Clinger received the Master’s Degree from Ohio State University in business and was a vice president in the Acceleration Corporation, prior to assuming his position here at Grace. His hobbies include photography, jogging, and plant growing.

The writer assumed his position as executive vice president in 1976, after serving as director of admissions in the seminary for three years. He has been a faculty member in the seminary since 1965. The writer’s hobbies include hunting, fishing and stamp collecting.

The final member of the President’s Administrative Council and chairman of that committee is Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr. For 14 years Dr. Kent served as dean of Grace Seminary and was on the President’s Administrative Council during that time. In 1976 he was appointed to the presidency of Grace Schools and continues to teach two courses each semester in the seminary. Dr. Kent enjoys stamp collecting and photography as special outside interests.

master, Paul ("The Apostle") could have simply and rightfully ordered Philemon to accept him with open arms (v. 8), or he could have written a potent letter denouncing the social stigma of slavery and its incompatibility to the Christian ethic, but he chose neither of these nor other possible alternatives. He rejected such negative approaches and wrote this totally positive plea out of the depths of a humbled heart (v. 9).

Paul wanted to stimulate Philemon to love and good deeds (cf. Heb. 10:24). His desire was "that thy [Philemon's] benefit should not be as it were, of necessity [that is, by compulsion] but willingly" (v. 14). The Apostle was not only concerned with proper action and results, but with the principle of motivation.

Paul commences by first commending Philemon for his previous actions, which were characterized by abundant Christian beneficence (vv. 4-7). Notice that this portion is characterized by genuine commendation and not by subtle flatteries. Also, the respected Apostle and theologian does not hide his deep concern for people, especially those whom he had led to the Lord Jesus; they are his spiritual children (vv. 10, 19). Paul becomes so warmed with genuine Christian sentiment that he calls Onesimus "mine own heart" (v. 12).

As the letter progressively reveals Paul's burden, he is careful to accentuate the positive by stressing the new worth

of Onesimus both from the practical perspective and the spiritual perspective (vv. 11, 13, 16). By doing this, Paul is able to make the good of a person overshadow the not-so-good. He could have certainly accomplished this theologically by pointing out the fact that Onesimus was also a recipient of the grace of God and a member of the Body of Christ: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Greeks, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (1 Cor. 12:13; emphasis added). But, he chooses to accomplish this personally as he pens these words to Philemon, "For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldst receive him forever, not now as a servant, a brother beloved . . ." (vv. 15-16; emphasis added)—the same truth, but a different tone.

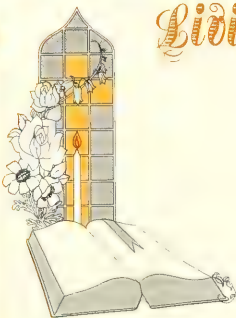
Paul was totally confident in his pleasant and gentle approach to Philemon concerning Onesimus (v. 21). He had been yoked with the Saviour long enough to learn a most powerful method of operation in Christian interpersonal relations: "Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee" (v. 9). We all need to study further in the letter to Philemon in order to emulate the personal methodology of the one who by the grace of God asserted "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1).

New Publication

Grace Seminary is pleased to announce the publication, beginning this spring, of the *Grace Theological Journal*. In a scholarly, attractive 6 X 9 format, the first issue will be published in April. Two issues per year will be published, the fall issue appearing in October.

Each issue will contain a half-dozen significant articles on various topics, book reviews, and review essays of important new publications. Some of the topics touched on in the first issue include the meaning of "faith" in Habakkuk 2:4 (Prof. George Zemek), an essay reviewing E. W. Pickering's new book on New Testament textual criticism (Prof. John Sproule), and an article dealing with the structure and interpretation of Genesis 22 (John Lawlor), as well as many others.

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NOW

current news items of help and interest to you as Brethren

A recent Gallup poll indicates that 41% of the United States' population has no church connection. But the most surprising part about it is this:

Most believe in God.

45% say they pray every day.

64% say they believe Jesus Christ is God, or the Son of God.

68% believe in a bodily resurrection.

77% had religious training during childhood.

86% of the unchurched believe that individuals should arrive at their own personal set of beliefs, and a very high 76% of church members believe the same.

27% believe in the Bible--literally.

Some of these figures compare quite well with the figures and averages for church members.

Congratulations to Rev. Robert Holmes, and the West Homer Brethren Church, in Homerville, Ohio. During the 1979 year their pattern of giving was: 73% of their gifts to others; and 27% used for their local work. That is out of a total of \$69,000. Bob has been pastor of this congregation for 30 years.

What is the major concern of the people of the United States at the present time? Inflation. It is in first place and is affecting the local churches and national boards as well. Foreign missions probably feels the impact greater than any other group, because of the loss of purchasing power overseas. Remember this in your giving.

Have you done your part in helping GBC Christian Education to move to their new quarters? If not, send your check to the CE office, or give through your local congregation, for their expansion program.

Heard across the land is a new call to get evangelicals involved in political action. Not seeking to give an evaluation of the merit or worth of these, here are a few for your information: Christian Voice; Moral Majority (Jerry Falwell); Christians Citizenship Corps (Southern Baptist); and Evangelicals for Social Action. There are a number of others that are appearing almost daily. What the prospects are for success in this field is open to question, in light of past history. But we will keep you informed as to their progress.

Whereas Holiday Inn Corporation's annual business meetings used to open with prayer, they now are a bit different. Holiday Inn has purchased Harrah's Casino of Las Vegas, and plans to go into gambling interests elsewhere. Some of the top management persons have left the organization because of convictions against such changes in the structure. Holiday Inn also owns Perkins Pancake and Steak House.

Have you marked your calendar for national conference at Winona Lake this summer? A Saturday night musical will begin the week of meetings. Paul Schumacher will present the concert under the sponsorship of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. It will be our way of saying thanks to each one of you for your cooperation during the year. The date: Saturday evening, July 26; followed by Christian Education conference and national conference. Do not miss any of the sessions.

Have you read the material in this issue of the Herald about placing a biblical creation book in the public libraries? Yes, a joint venture between BMH Books and the authors (Dr. Whitcomb and Dr. DeYoung, of Grace Schools) is seeking to put the BMH Book The Moon, Its Creation, Form and Significance in public libraries so this biblical presentation can reach a wider group of people. The joint-venture needs you to make the project complete. See the details on page 26 of this issue, and then join us in the work of distributing the message.



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It's HIM!

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Thanks, Madalyn Murray O'Hair

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by Charles W. Turner
Editor

Before you think that I have great praise for the actions and beliefs of Madalyn Murray O'Hair, please read on. It seems unnecessary to tell you some of the actions and results of this individual's efforts. She headed the move to see prayer removed from the public school system, and attempted to get the motto "In God We Trust" removed from U.S. money. She even wanted the singing of Christmas songs taken out of the seasonal Christmas programs in schools.

Her efforts have been frantic, and to some measure successful in accomplishing her intentions and goals. So, why the thanks to such an individual? Well, she has helped to bring into focus the difference between light and darkness, between spiritual emphasis and disbelief. She aroused a number of Christians to take a closer look at what

the results could be in the loss of some of the privileges we assumed permanent.

Maybe we have just drifted along for too long and have taken too many freedoms for granted. But O'Hair changed that; she made us realize that when the attack on truth comes, we must be ready to defend it. When we Christians aroused out of our snooze and took a look, we found that Christianity, in the system, can be attacked and changes can come rather quickly. History had already told us this, but we had somehow forgotten it; after all, this is America and it could not happen here. But it has happened here and we are now a little shorter on past privileges because of it. So, Madalyn Murray O'Hair helped us see that Christianity does have its enemies, and the enemy can become very bold.

Of late, changes have been taking place in the areas of morality. The openness of homosexuality is another prime example of change in

our society. Homosexuality has been around since the earliest of times, as you will remember reading in the Book of Genesis. The difference is that *before* it was considered immoral and illegal, and *now* it vies for social acceptance as a respected life style.

Again, why the thanks? Do you know that there are many, many new Christian day schools throughout the United States, and that they are daily growing? One of the reasons for this is that we have taken a closer look at the public school system and have realized that there is a much better way to educate and train Christian young people. So, Christians have taken the burden of the task and set out to do a better job in education and in teaching the way God outlined in the Bible. Keep in mind that the Christian day school movement is not the dearest of friends to the secular educators. It also might be a reminder to us that we need to apply the best of talents and dedication to make certain we do our task well. Let us not hang a Christian sign on the outside of the building and use it as an excuse for poor education.

So those who remind us of our need to do our task well, deserve our thanks. But, one serious note of warning in it all: the danger of error taking people with it, is a problem. In this area O'Hair could be taking a number of people with her in her thoughts and anti-God campaign, that could result in their spiritual destruction. But for now, a reminder of the presence of error, and the attacks on Christianity and its beliefs, can serve to spur us on to do what is right in the sight of God.

COVER PHOTO: President Dacko of the C.A.R. arrives at the General Conference of African Churches. (Photo by Dr. John C. Whitcomb.)

reported in the herald

35 Years Ago—1945

Solon Hoyt and Lynn Daniel Schrock were ordained to the ministry at the close of the baccalaureate service at Grace Seminary... The Brethren Home Missions Council announced the removal of its office from Berne, Ind., to Winona Lake, Ind. L. L. Grubb, secretary.

15 Years Ago—1965

John Mayes, assistant pastor of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif., has accepted the call to serve at Sunnyside, Wash.... Pastor David Hocking reported from Columbus, Ohio, that new record highs were reached—65 in morning worship and 71 in Sunday school.... Arvada, Colo., dedicated their new building; the speaker was Dr. Paul Bauman and the pastor is J. C. McKillen.

5 Years Ago—1975

Rev. Howard Snively is moving from Mabton, Wash., to Ankenytown, Ohio.... Homer Kent, Jr., and John Davis were named as the administrative team to succeed the current president Herman Hoyt.... H. Leslie Moore, director of housing at Grace Schools, went to be with the Lord.

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letters

Dear Editor,

A note of thanks for the February issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. It was one of the finest issues that you have ever produced. Keep it up!—California

Dear Editor,

Spiritual Greatness—Studies in Exodus by Tom Julien was very good. He did a fine job in making the Book of Exodus a practical and helpful study. I hope he will soon do another study guide.—Pennsylvania

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!—CWT



President Dacko enters the Immel home and is greeted by Dorothy Goodman and Ruth Snyder.

It's HIM!

by June Immel

"Why not at the Immel's?" asked Betty Hocking. "OK, June?"

"Yeah, I guess so. But . . . help! That's fine; sure." This was my stammering, stuttering response to the question.

"Why not at the Immel's what?" you may ask.

Why not have the reception for the president of the Central African Republic and his ministers, body guards, and entourage at the Immel's? I sat aghast—my mind unable to grasp or accept the full significance of the question.

It all began while attending a meeting of

the MW—Missionary Women—at General Conference. The president wanted to attend the opening ceremonies of the General Conference of our African churches.

"Fine! I'll be glad to go to Bozoum to see him. If I'm lucky, I just might get a glimpse of him. Oh, he wants to visit the Bible Center? Great! Tour the print shop? Sounds good. See the Bible Institute? OK. We should have a reception for him here at Bible Center? That's a fantastic idea!"

"Why not have it at the Immel's? OK, June?"

After I recovered from shock a day later, I



The OTN women and the "Soldiers of the Gospel" men line up in front of the Bozoum church to greet the president.



The president's van pulls onto the road leading to the church.



President David Dacko

realized what Betty had asked me. The president of the C.A.R. in *my* home, eating and sitting in *my* living room. Maybe I better clean house. Clean house!!! I'll need to dust, sweep, mop, wash the curtains, beat the rug.

"Sure, that's fine, but, but, but . . . MW, you will all have to help me." They all consented.

He doesn't know me. I don't know him. I became tense when the station bodies decided the Whitcombs should stay at the Immel's during the 10 days of General Conference. Dr. Whitcomb is a professor at Grace Theological Seminary and a board member. They have a lovely home, and, and, and, I'm just June Immel. I don't even know Mrs. Whitcomb.

"Yeah, sure, I'll be glad to have them here," I heard myself say. How in the C.A.R. did I ever manage to get into this? But it was a great 10 days. The Whitcombs are normal people and very nice. But the president of the C.A.R.?!

Well, today's the day. He should arrive any minute. Don Hocking is coming into my house with someone. I don't know that man. They are saying something about the arrange-

ment of the furniture in the living room. It's not right? But . . .

"Howard, quick, we have to move the furniture all around. Put the couch and end tables over here, the lamp and two chairs here, the coffee table there."

Bon, Merci. Set again.

"Yes, doesn't the table look lovely? The glass punch bowl with dainty cups placed neatly around it, the cookies arranged beautifully on silver trays and china plates. Of course, we will serve the

president and his ministers.

Oh, here comes another man. He has little cards in his hands. He's putting name cards on the chairs. How many? Twelve! But we have only eight snack and serve settings.



The MW pose at the reception table—left to right: June Immel, Clara Garber, Beverley Garber, Dorothy Goodman, Ruth Snyder, Betty Hocking, Denise Skeen, Marian Thurston, Norma Whitcomb, and Mary Ann Habegger.



Dr. John Whitcomb presents President Dacko with a set of his Bible charts.

“Quick, Dot, your china. Bon, Merci.”

I hear a car. It’s HIM! He’s arrived—the president of the Central African Republic, David Dacko. Will he shake my hand? Will he know this is our home?

“Please, Ginger, don’t bark.”

He’s standing in front of me. He’s looking me in the eye. He’s shaking my hand—nice grip. My heart is pounding. Does he see Jesus or can he read my mind—I hope Kirk doesn’t

say something in English he might understand. Whew! He’s passed the Immels. Merci.

He’s entering the house. Line up, MW, to receive him. He’s seated. SERVE. And serve we did. Long African-style skirts flowing, faces glowing, stomachs churning. MW are beautiful!

“Don, please don’t forget to have him sign our guest book.”

He’s done already?

But . . . I worked two days and he sat on the couch 10 minutes. Hope he didn’t feel the lump.

He’s walking out the door. “Oh, Ginger, please, Howard doesn’t need his shoe now.” I don’t think the president noticed.

Knock, Knock.

“Come in. Oh, Jesus, when did You come in?”

“June, I’ve been here ever since you moved into this house, but you never gave Me a reception like you just gave the president of the C.A.R.”

Head bowed, eyes closed, heart hurting, mind stunned.

“You’re right, Lord. I’m sorry. Thank You for this lesson. Could we have a glass of punch together Lord? Just You and me.”

Howard and June Immel live at Bata (Bible Center) with their children—Lisa, Kirk, and Karl, and dog—Ginger. The day of the president’s visit, 18 were served in the living room, but 64 were in the house. The event went beautifully, “thanks to the MW and the Lord.”

Churches Give Record Offering for Brethren Foreign Missions

ALLEGHENY DISTRICT

Accident, Md.	\$ 225.00
Aleppo, Pa.	1,167.79
Boswell, Pa.	1,206.00
Coolville, Ohio	456.46
Coraopolis, Pa.	1,018.63
Cumberland, Md. . . .	1,567.48
Grafton, W. Va.	3,041.30
Jenners, Pa.	2,546.80
Listie, Pa.	5,269.25
Meyersdale, Pa.	6,409.23
(Summit Mills)	2,353.47
Parkersburg, W.Va. . .	7,692.85
Stoystown, Pa.	
(Reading)	2,170.00
Uniontown, Pa.	13,281.60
Washington, Pa.	4,764.65
Westernport, Md. . . .	193.61
Allegheny Misc.	819.48
	<u>\$ 54,183.60</u>

FLORIDA DISTRICT

Brooksville, Fla.	\$ 124.00
Clearwater, Fla.	445.00
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. .	11,474.76
Fort Myers, Fla.	7,271.00
Maitland, Fla.	5,891.95
North Lauderdale, Fla. .	3,010.00
Okeechobee, Fla.	2,295.16
Orlando, Fla.	2,074.15
Ormond Beach, Fla. . . .	1,156.00
Pompano Beach, Fla. . . .	1,254.57
St. Petersburg, Fla. . .	1,487.90
Florida Misc.	6.25
	<u>\$ 36,490.74</u>

INDIANA DISTRICT

Berne, Ind.	\$ 8,545.10
Clay City, Ind.	85.00
Elkhart, Ind.	3,759.50
Flora, Ind.	3,374.55
Fort Wayne, Ind.	
(First)	14,880.95
Fort Wayne, Ind.	
(Grace)	3,253.97
Goshen, Ind.	1,990.72
Indianapolis, Ind. . . .	2,423.83
Kokomo, Ind.	
(Indian Heights)	1,919.72
Kokomo, Ind.	
(North)	778.27
Leesburg, Ind.	4,037.23
New Albany, Ind.	414.00
Osceola, Ind.	8,779.91
Peru, Ind.	5,145.90
Sidney, Ind.	8,377.99

South Bend, Ind.	14,117.99
Warsaw, Ind.	13,256.67
Winona Lake, Ind. . . .	26,644.64
Indiana Misc.	103.87
	<u>\$ 121,889.81</u>

IOWA-MIDLANDS DISTRICT

Cedar Rapids, Iowa . .	\$ 1,783.00
Dallas Center, Iowa . .	5,282.69
Davenport, Iowa	1,812.71
Des Moines, Iowa	52.00
Garwin, Iowa	3,886.44
Kansas City, Mo.	415.50
Leon, Iowa	2,773.20
Longview, Texas	187.00
North English, Iowa . .	780.75
Omaha, Neb.	514.00
Udell, Iowa	4,446.64
Waterloo, Iowa	10,860.94
Wichita, Kans.	25.00
Winona, Minn.	235.00
Iowa-Midlands Misc. . .	44.00
	<u>\$ 33,098.87</u>

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Alto, Mich.	\$ 9,230.27
Berrien Springs, Mich.	218.07
Hastings, Mich.	127.05
Jackson, Mich.	263.50
Lake Odessa, Mich. . . .	3,115.00
Lansing, Mich.	282.36
New Troy, Mich.	4,572.50
Trout Lake, Mich. . . .	246.00
Michigan Misc.	944.16
	<u>\$ 18,998.91</u>

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Alexandria, Va.	\$ 2,828.18
Chambersburg, Pa. . . .	1,080.77
Hagerstown, Md.	
(Calvary)	2,854.65
Hagerstown, Md.	
(Grace)	13,040.27
Hagerstown, Md.	
(Maranatha)	4,545.60
Hagerstown, Md.	
(Valley)	3,431.67
Lanham, Md.	7,149.75
Martinsburg, W. Va. . .	30.00
Temple Hills, Md. . . .	3,311.49
Waynesboro, Pa.	6,884.11
Winchester, Va.	12,875.84
Mid-Atlantic Misc. . . .	223.92
	<u>\$ 58,256.25</u>

NORTHERN ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Bethlehem, Pa.	\$ 1,037.00
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Dillsburg, Pa.	4,440.65
Elizabethtown, Pa. . . .	6,542.88
Harrisburg, Pa.	7,315.53
Hatboro, Pa.	1,783.10
Hope, N.J.	364.25
Lancaster, Pa. (Grace)	15,418.64
Lancaster, Pa.	
(Southern)	1,696.70
Lititz, Pa.	8,075.88
Manheim, Pa.	4,613.00
Mt. Laurel, N.J.	2,610.25
Myerstown, Pa.	18,470.18
New Holland, Pa.	7,491.33
Newark, Del.	290.00
Palmyra, Pa.	3,251.22
Philadelphia, Pa.	
(First)	10,367.90
Philadelphia, Pa.	
(Third)	5,741.22
Pine Grove, Pa.	652.00
Telford, Pa.	19,238.00
Wrightsville, Pa.	917.10
York, Pa.	8,171.68
Northern Atlantic Misc.	614.57
	<u>\$ 129,103.08</u>

NOR-CAL DISTRICT

Auburn, Calif.	\$ 323.80
Chico, Calif.	280.00
Grass Valley, Calif. . . .	360.00
Modesto, Calif.	
(Big Valley)	5,987.75
Modesto, Calif.	
(LaLoma)	15,961.50
Ripon, Calif.	6,397.00
Sacramento, Calif. . . .	2,626.76
San Jose, Calif.	1,300.39
Tracy, Calif.	600.00
	<u>\$ 33,837.20</u>

NORTHCENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT

Ankenytown, Ohio . . . \$	6,462.98
Ashland, Ohio	
(Grace)	31,682.29
Ashland, Ohio	
(Southview)	4,301.00
Bowling Green, Ohio . .	1,282.17
Columbus, Ohio	
(East Side)	5,102.21
Columbus, Ohio	
(Worthington)	56,229.71
Danville, Ohio	2,195.00
Delaware, Ohio	390.00
Findlay, Ohio	595.00
Fremont, Ohio	
(Chapel)	1,574.15
Fremont, Ohio	
(Grace)	9,974.31

Galion, Ohio	2,311.78
Lexington, Ohio	4,108.53
Licking County, Ohio	1,220.00
Lima, Ohio	667.80
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	8,208.38
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	6,378.13
Marysville, Ohio	302.23
Pataskala, Ohio	2,419.87
Northcentral Ohio Misc.	704.29
	<u>\$ 146,109.83</u>

NORTHEASTERN OHIO DISTRICT

Akron, Ohio (Grace) . \$	6,771.25
Canal Fulton, Ohio . .	85.00
Canton, Ohio	6,470.90
Cleveland, Ohio (Lyndhurst)	802.21
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	2,480.00
Elyria, Ohio	2,050.41
Homerville, Ohio	14,529.99
Middlebranch, Ohio . . .	5,133.00
Minerva, Ohio	1,887.43
Norton, Ohio	7,405.45
Rittman, Ohio	13,999.39
Sterling, Ohio	3,767.14
Wooster, Ohio	54,086.32
Northwestern Ohio Misc.	62.25
	<u>\$ 119,530.74</u>

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Albany, Oreg. \$	1,177.69
Anchorage, Alaska . . .	715.38
Beaverton, Oreg.	1,864.58
Goldendale, Wash. . . .	304.21
Grandview, Wash.	2,281.18
Harrah, Wash.	4,991.60
Kenai, Alaska	817.00
Kent, Wash.	3,232.02
Mabton, Wash.	1,172.50
Prosser, Wash.	455.61
Spokane, Wash.	518.40
Sunnyside, Wash.	14,023.00
Toppenish, Wash.	2,626.03
Troutdale, Oreg.	2,764.20
Yakima, Wash.	6,047.11
Northwest Misc.	369.54
	<u>\$ 43,360.05</u>

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION DISTRICT

Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Grace) \$	575.22
Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Heights)	218.50

Arvada, Colo.	2,598.30
Beaver City, Nebr. . . .	474.75
Cheyenne, Wyo.	26.00
Colorado Springs, Colo.	443.78
Counselor, N. Mex. . . .	2,388.87
Denver, Colo.	4,541.14
Portis, Kans.	3,196.20
Taos, N. Mex.	2,888.28
Rocky Mountain Region Misc.	6.25
	<u>\$ 17,357.29</u>

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Aiken, S.C. \$	1,506.38
Anderson, S.C.	1,100.87
Atlanta, Ga.	3,099.00
Boones Mills, Va.	105.00
Buena Vista, Va.	5,777.98
Covington, Va.	3,887.79
Johnson City, Tenn. (Grace)	827.88
Johnson City, Tenn. (Grace Bible)	400.00
Radford, Va.	168.28
Richmond, Va.	2,330.80
Riner, Va.	164.00
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	1,108.50
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	1,688.84
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	4,221.65
Roanoke, Va. (Gospel)	78.00
Roanoke, Va. (Patterson Memorial)	2,145.05
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	536.76
Salem, Va. (Wildwood)	349.40
Telford, Tenn.	3,206.71
Virginia Beach, Va. . . .	899.00
Willis, Va.	152.00
	<u>\$ 33,753.89</u>

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT

Alta Loma, Calif. \$	780.00
Anaheim, Calif.	3,196.86
Beaumont, Calif.	10,125.67
Bell, Calif.	3,051.08
Bellflower, Calif.	15,898.79
Cypress, Calif.	969.00
Filmmore, Calif.	400.00
Glendora, Calif.	887.35
Goleta, Calif.	660.00
Hemet, Calif.	268.46
LaVerne, Calif.	2,785.28

Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	2,809.07
Long Beach, Calif. (Grace)	50,118.19
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	2,916.00
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	40,793.22
Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	2,302.45
Mission Viejo, Calif.	1,061.00
Montclair, Calif.	360.00
Norwalk, Calif.	7,008.20
Orange, Calif.	2,156.88
Phoenix, Ariz. (Grace)	5,391.10
Phoenix, Ariz. (Northwest)	471.41
Rialto, Calif.	1,364.00
San Bernardino, Calif.	1,208.50
San Diego, Calif.	3,342.07
Santa Ana, Calif.	30.00
San Ysidro, Calif.	353.00
Santa Maria, Calif.	155.00
Seal Beach, Calif.	320.00
Simi, Calif.	8,995.00
South Pasadena, Calif.	2,504.42
Temple City, Calif.	833.34
Tucson, Ariz.	508.00
West Covina, Calif.	207.22
Westminster, Calif.	2,639.60
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	25,542.70
Whittier, Calif. (First)	19,069.82
Yucca Valley, Calif.	101.00
So. California-Arizona Misc.	1,106.62
	<u>\$ 222,690.30</u>

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Brookville, Ohio . . . \$	8,537.93
Camden, Ohio	89.00
Centerville, Ohio	1,490.60
Clayhole, Ky.	359.06
Clayton, Ohio	2,480.50
Covington, Ohio	5.00
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Road)	170.00
Dayton, Ohio (First)	16,559.52
Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	2,683.00
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	8,504.00
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	1,701.00
Dryhill, Ky.	326.50
Englewood, Ohio	5,244.50
Kettering, Ohio	1,401.00
Sinking Springs, Ohio	750.00
Trotwood, Ohio	7,256.99

A Tribute to Barbara Kolb

Troy, Ohio	409.66
Union, Ohio	778.00
Vandalia, Ohio	1,014.04
West Alexandra, Ohio	97.25
Southern Ohio Misc.	51.73
\$	59,909.28

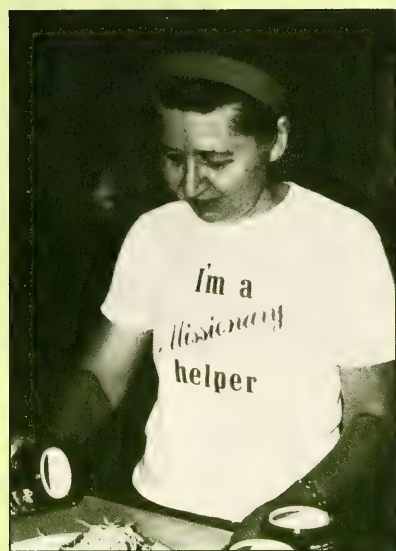
WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

Altoona, Pa. (First) . \$	2,250.00
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	3,588.84
Armagh, Pa.	950.89
Conemaugh, Pa.	11,122.66
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	5,186.75
Duncansville, Pa.	9,753.73
Everett, Pa.	12,287.08
Holidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	4,752.16
Hopewell, Pa.	857.85
Indiana, Pa.	1,739.59
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	14,338.40
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	1,969.33
Johnstown, Pa. (Pike)	12,360.70
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	5,013.09
Kittanning, Pa. (Grace)	15,937.05
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	2,610.32
Martinsburg, Pa.	11,338.54
Milroy, Pa.	350.00
\$	116,405.98

MISCELLANEOUS

Akron, Ohio (Hillwood Chapel) . \$	1,010.00
Hawaii (Aiea- Waimalu)	2,433.00
Hawaii (Ewa Beach)	1,292.83
Hawaii (Wahiawa- Waipio)	1,408.00
France (Macon)	1,440.00
Puerto Rico (Summit Hills)	25.00
Estates	22,400.40
National SMM	125.00
National WMC	20,246.21
National Misc.	69,478.64
\$	119,859.08

Total \$1,364,834.90



Miss Barbara S. Kolb went to be with the Lord on October 10, 1979. This loving servant spent most of her time writing to missionaries (75, in fact!), visiting the mission fields, and doing all she could to promote Brethren Foreign Missions.

Barbara served in all possible positions at the Philadelphia Third Brethren Church—deaconess, WMC president, Sunday school teacher, and DVBS superintendent. For years she was in charge of children's church. Her WMC interests branched out to the district level where she served many times.

National and district conferences were a must for her. She gave to the Lord (especially in the area of foreign missions) most freely of her time, money, and talents.

The words of Paul certainly were true for Barbara: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

Looking Back 1921

and Praising the Lord



Above: A house under construction that was intended as a temporary home for the Hathaways. When completely finished the building was to be the workshop at Bassai.

Left: Our missionaries to Argentina in 1930: (front, left to right) Miss Johanna Nielson, Norman Romanenghi, Mrs. C. F. Yoder; (back) Mr. and Mrs. Egidio Romanenghi, Grace Yoder, and Robert Yoder.

1921

Miss Charlotte Hillegas sailed for Africa via France in May.

The General Conference recognized the work of Mrs. Rose M. Foulke in China, giving her standing as an accredited missionary of the Brethren Church. During this time she was supported by the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California.

Allen Lee Bennett and Orville D. Jobson were approved by the General Conference as missionaries to Africa.

On September 22, the French government gave verbal permission to the Gribble party to begin work on the Bassai concession. Being delayed by an attack of fever, James Gribble actually began his inland journey on November 3. On Monday morning, November 7, the first workmen were signed to begin clearing the concession and cut the line for survey.

Orville Jobson sailed for Paris from which he and Miss Charlotte Hillegas sailed for Africa on October 6.

1922

Allen Lee Bennett sailed for France, April 25. After studying French for six months, he accompanied Dr. Florence Gribble to Africa.

The General Conference approved the following missionaries: *Africa*—Miss Florence Bickel, Miss Minnie Deeter, Mr. and Mrs. John Hathaway, and Chauncey B. Sheldon; *South America*—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Boardman, Jr.

Orville D. Jobson and Miss Charlotte Hillegas were married on November 16, at Bozoum, Oubangui-Chari.

1923

Allen Lee Bennett, within a few miles of his destination in Africa, went to be with the Lord on January 17. He died of fever and the flu.

James Gribble, our pioneer missionary to Africa, was joined with the Lord on June 4. He also died of fever.

The General Conference approved China as its third mission

field. Previous to this approval, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott Elliott had established a mission station at Chungwei, Kansu, China. They were supported by the Long Beach (Calif.) First Brethren Church.

Miss Elizabeth Tyson and Miss Mary Emmert were approved as missionaries to Africa.

1924

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Elliott returned from China on account of health. A few months later, Miss Alice Evans, the only remaining member of the party, returned. This work was then discontinued.

John W. Hathaway was appointed by the board as general director of the Mission Oubangui-Chari, Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Boardman returned from South America.

C. F. Yoder was appointed as superintendent in Argentina.

The General Conference approved the following missionaries: *Africa*—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy and Miss Hattie Cope; *South America*—Miss Johanna Nielsen.

Yalohe, our second mission



Left: Orville and Charlotte Jobson stand with Miss Estella Myers in front of the Jobson's new home.



Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber

Right: The wedding of Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson was attended by Miss Estella Myers and many Africans.



station in Africa, was approved by the board.

1925

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kennedy, Miss Hattie Cope, Miss Mary Emmert, and Miss Elizabeth Tyson sailed for Africa accompanied by Miss Estella Myers, who was returning from furlough.

Miss Johanna Nielsen went to South America as a self-supporting missionary.

The General Conference approved the following missionaries: *Africa*—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foster; *South America*—Mr. and Mrs. Percy L. Yett.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster left for France for language study.

Miss Minnie Deeter was obliged to return from Africa because of ill health.

1926

Beginning with January of this year, *The Brethren Missionary* was published monthly.

Orville Jobson secured his Superior Diploma in France enabling him to return to Africa and open a

school in accordance with the requirements of the French government.

On August 21, Chauncey B. Sheldon and Miss Hattie Cope were united in marriage at the Bassai station, Oubangui-Chari.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. Jobson arrived on the Africa field.

1927

Floyd W. Taber and Miss Ada Zellner were approved as missionaries.

Mr. Taber and Miss Zellner were married April 13, and early in September sailed for Paris. There Mr. Taber pursued a medical course with a view to service as a medical missionary in Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Eyglio Romanenghi were approved by the board as missionaries to South America. They sailed in September and arrived at Rio Cuarto in October.

1928

Miss Grace Byron was approved by the General Conference as a missionary to Africa. In September,

Miss Byron left for France en route to Africa.

In November a cable was received from Dr. Gribble advising of a native rebellion in Oubangui-Chari. A French military post was established at our Yaloke station, which was occupied by French soldiers until February 1929.

1929

Miss Edna Patterson was approved by the General Conference as a missionary to Africa. She sailed for Paris en route to Africa in October.

On Christmas Day, Chief Yaloke voluntarily surrendered himself to the French officials through our missionaries at Yaloke, thus practically bringing hostilities to a close and effecting the eventual end of the rebellion in 1928.

1930

Miss Laura Larson was approved by the General Conference as a missionary to Argentina.

Miss Mabel Crawford was approved by the General Conference as a missionary to Africa.

BMH

news report

From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and the Evangelical Press Association

□ A faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church of Lititz, Pa., Dale Weller, has gained recognition as one of the best high school band directors in the United States. The Warwick High School Marching Band, which Weller directs, was recently selected as one of the top 10 high school bands in the nation by the National Band Association.

Weller frequently serves in the music ministry at the Grace Brethren Church. He is married and has two children. Jerry Young is the pastor of the Lititz church.

□ Chap. G. James Dickson, Lt. Comdr., USN, is on an extended sea duty assignment aboard the *USS Tripoli* (LPH-10). He had served at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, Calif., beginning in 1976. In his services at NTC he had many decisions for Christ. The *USS Tripoli* has 700 men in the ship's company and embarks thousands of Marines. He has many opportunities to present the Gospel in his current assignment, as he had at NTC. Chap. Dickson has just received his promotion from Lieutenant Commander to Commander in the Regular Navy.

□ Santa Rosa beckons the Brethren—We have claimed this growing Northern California city of 60,000 for Christ! A dozen dedicated families are needed to relocate here and assist in this work. This is "new ground," because no Brethren presently reside here. Santa Rosa is situated in the beautiful Sonoma Valley in the famous Redwood empire. Hewlett-Packard and Optical Coating are the largest employers. Sonoma State College is located in Cotati nearby, and Santa Rosa has one of the largest junior colleges in California.

Please contact: Mel Grimm, 4355 Panorama Dr., Santa Rosa, Calif. 95404 (Tel. 707/546-4355).

□ Calvary Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., announces that Rev. Norman Mayer has been called

as associate pastor. He began his ministry at Calvary Grace on Oct. 24, 1979.

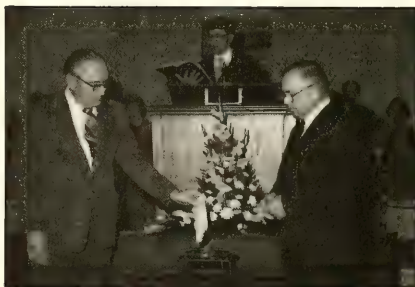
Pastor Mayer has pastored for 23 years in New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. He is a member of the Board of Gospel Missions of South America. Curt Stroman, pastor.

□ The First Brethren Church of Waynesboro, Pa., has voted to change its name to Grace Brethren Church. Gerald Kelley, pastor.

□ Pastor Marion Thomas resigned from the Grace Brethren Church of Clearwater, Fla., at the end of Dec. 1979.

□ Pastor Charles Winter of the Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash., invites Brethren amateur radio operators to join the "Brethren Net" which is held every other Saturday (the April dates are 12, and 26.) The "Net" began on Jan. 19, and operates at 1900 GMT on a frequency of 21.435 MHz. Brethren "hams" seek to provide a service within the United States as well as overseas, and Brethren currently participating are based in California, Maryland, Ohio, Washington, Arizona, and Pennsylvania.

□ Looking for a youth director or assistant pastor? Confidential resumés are available upon request from GBC Christian Education, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Those seeking such positions may also contact the above address.



□ On Sunday, Jan. 20, the Rosemont Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., held a special note-burning service of praise. Franklin Gregory (right) and Robert Triggs, Sr. (left), are shown burning the note while R. Donald Weltmer, pastor, reads from the pulpit. Gregory and Triggs were two of the men who had originally signed the note March 17, 1969.

□ On Dec. 31, 1979, USAF Chap. James T. Elwell completed a very successful two-year tour of duty on the island of Guam. He served in the position of exec-

utive officer among the four Protestant chaplains which meant that he was responsible for all program coordination, planning, budgeting, and supervision, as well as speaker in the Sunday morning church services. Fifty to sixty persons have attended the adult Sunday school class also taught by Chap. Elwell.

Chap. Elwell and his wife, Cyndy, along with their two children, Amy and Ken, have now arrived at Kirkland AFB (N. Mex.) for their next assignment.

marriages

Hearty congratulations to, and may God's blessings rest always upon, these new families who join the *Brethren Missionary Herald* readership. A six-month free subscription to the *Herald* is given to newlyweds whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Susan Hoover and Daniel Michaels, July 28, Grace Brethren Church, Lanham, Md.

Bonnie Green and Dick Schilperoort, Dec. 8, Toppenish United Methodist Church, Toppenish, Wash. The ceremony was performed by Pastors Charles Winter and Greg Ryerson.

Mary Jones and Joseph Nass, Dec. 15, Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Officiating were Charles Ashman and A. Rollin Sandy.

Nina Boker and Gregory Loewer, Dec. 21, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Mary Shriver and Glen Wertz, Dec. 21, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Elaine Gallaway and Rich Hess, Dec. 22, Ashland Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Brenda Frazier and David Stroup, Dec. 22, Grace Seminary Chapel, Winona Lake, Ind. The groom's family are members of the Simi Valley Grace Brethren Church, Simi Valley, Calif.

Debbie Frank and Trevor Tipton, Dec. 29, Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa.

Cathy Scott and Tracy Overton, Dec. 29, Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa.

□ GBC Christian Education office, as part of its church growth emphasis, is inviting pastors and church leaders to hear church growth expert Lyle Schaller, April 22-23, in Ashland, Ohio (GBC). Lodging and Tuesday's supper are provided, with a \$15 fee for the 10 hours with Schaller—author of many books on church growth. Call Ginny Toroian at the CE office for details (219/267-6622).

□ Suburban Grace Brethren Church of Hatboro, Pa., is seeking a pastor. Any pastor who is considering a change, please send a resumé to: Mrs. Lois Kimble, 432 Mallard Rd., Hatboro, Pa. 19040. The phone number is 215/672-3382. All information will be held in confidence.

□ Mrs. Julia Smithwick of the Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash., was honored on Feb. 10 for 45 years of faithful music ministry to the church and the community. Mrs. Smithwick is a charter member of the Harrah church and has served as both pianist and organist since 1935. Past Moderator Harry Parton presided over the evening ceremony in which Mrs. Smithwick was presented with a plaque commemorating her many years of ministry.

The Smithwicks' three children are all in Christian service. Son, Larry, and wife, Shari, pastor the Anchorage Grace Brethren Church, Anchorage, Alaska. Daughter Rachel and husband, Roy Getman, serve with Coastal Missions on Vancouver Island. Their youngest daughter, Kathy, and husband, Roy Harris, serve in Papua, New Guinea, with JAARS, the aircraft/radio arm of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Charles H. Winter, pastor.

□ A premiere showing of the new film "Joni" was seen at the Grace Brethren Church of Temple Hills, Md. Over 700 viewed the two showings of the film. Also, Dr. James Dobson's "Focus on the Family" film series was shown for seven consecutive Sunday evenings. Attendance was averaged over 450 per Sunday. James Dixon, pastor.

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□ Donald Bowlin, 1724 J Ave., N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402. □ James Elwell, Ch. Capt., USAF, 1606 ABW/HC, Kirkland AFB, N. Mex. 87117. □ Mailing address for the Clearwater, Fla., Grace Brethren Church: 2341 Haitian Dr., Apt. 9, Clearwater, Fla. 33515 (Tel. 813/443-0723, days; 813/796-0176, evenings). □ Kenneth Teague's telephone number should be 703/342-2625. □ Russell Williams, 6213 Green Eyes Way, Orangevale, Calif. 95662. Grass Valley church.

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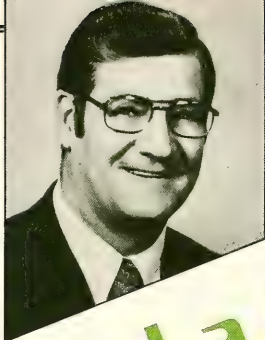
Notices in this column must be submitted in writing by the pastor.

BRINER, *Beulah*, Feb. 12, 88. Mrs. Briner was the mother of Mrs. Tom (Doris) Julien, missionary to France. Revs. Woodrow Immel and Richard Craig officiated at the memorial service in North Manchester, Ind.

GLADWELL, *Ed*, Jan. 22, First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va. Lester Kennedy, pastor.

MUNCH, *Austin*, April 14, 1979, charter member of Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Charles Davis, pastor. Mr. Munch was a deacon in the First Brethren Church, Washington, D.C., for many years.

STOVER, *Effie*, Jan. 27, Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash. Charles H. Winter, pastor.



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The Brethren Missionary Herald Enjoyed Another Record Income in 1979

The total income of the Herald was \$1,157,000, establishing a new high! Thank you for helping in getting good gospel literature into the hands and hearts of people.

To be of more service to you, it is now possible to call toll-free from all states except Indiana, Hawaii, and Alaska. The number is 1-800-348-2756.

Again Our Thanks to You!

We're in our new CE headquarters!



hoping to help in Christian ed,
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America Grows Up or Here Come the Adults or Ready or Not ...

Our sociological bulge is showing as a nation, and it's in the 25-35 age section especially.

The people who were the baby boom after World War II and in the early 1950s became the Pepsi generation of the 1960s and the young singles of the 1970s and are now the young adults. The babies of the banner crop year in 1955 are now 24 or 25.

And some of them have come back to church.

Probably more will as we are ready for them.

So you hear advertisers going after the young adult market and the 30s and 40s people rather than just the teens, as before.

It isn't like we should fire the youth sponsors or the parents in our churches and get young adult or middle-adult pastors, but it is like we should be ready.

Or rather, catch up.

We've been saying adult things in Christian Education and in our churches for a good while now, but not all of us have been doing the things that matter and heal adults where they hurt.

Some of the specifics churches can consider:

1. Continuing education or adult education for adults. An evening Bible institute approach, for instance.

2. A child care center once a week or every now and then for mothers to get a morning for ministries or shopping ... or a preschool center. (The obvious tension for many is related to strong feelings that the mothers of young

children should not work out of the home, or leave the children once a month to go shopping, perhaps. The facts are, some will. Some have to!)

3. Mothers clubs—possible in any size church. Who will start the ball rolling by going to the pastor with the idea and burden? There are a lot of mothers needing support and sharing times.

4. Have special ministries and service opportunities and social times for seniors—those retired.

5. Provide a yearly seminar on parenting, or a monthly "training hour" session or sermon helps on family principles and helps.

6. Provide a family atmosphere of love for people who have no families.

7. Help the growing number of single adults mix with other adults in the church.

8. Start new young married classes frequently to help bring in new blood and meet the needs of the younger adults.

9. Feel responsible yourself, without an official position, to help other adults feel welcome in your church. Best way: have them in your home.

10. Be sure you are a part of warm and friendly openings and greetings in your adult classes. A big factor in love and welcome.

11. Think *adult* when you think Sunday school—not just children. It's a very special need for singles and married.

*With Sincere
Appreciation*

We thank you for your help with the CE move to a new headquarters building, if you're one of the many individuals and churches who responded. If you can still give for this immediate ministry need, please share your gift now. Praise the Lord, we had the necessary \$20,000 on the day of closing!



As you celebrate the year of the Sunday school, remember that the party is for adults too.

Every adult in local church, we think at CE, ought to have three concurrent experiences:

1. "Celebration" (worship services)
+
2. "Congregation" (medium size class or ministry group)
+
3. "Cell" (small, intimate group for discipleship, growth)
+

At Celebration, the group praises and learns. God is the audience.

At Congregation, there is time for interchange and fellowship. You are missed if absent. You make friends.

At Cell, you get to relate carefully and share and grow in personal problems.

Consider the three needs!

What is a Mother's Club?

Mothering.

Discriminating, exclusive, and definitely a good idea.

Mothering.

So much to learn, so much to do, so much to give, so much.

Mothering.

A big word with a big meaning. The creature enabled by the creator to love. Uniquely. His marvelous plan.

"Mothers Club"—a part of Grace Brethren Church, West Main, in Ashland, is being tried by others too. It's not exactly another social. Singled out, the privileged mothers of preschoolers are given the excellent opportunity of selected education.

Under the pastoral instruction of Associate Pastor John Teevan, this ministry is coordinated by Jane Teevan, Maxine Currie, Liz Hayes, Marilyn Cotsamire, and Mary Roediger. Several members who offer assistance can take credit for the details.

Volunteers, organized by Pat Bachus, from the church take charge of the nursery. Undoubtedly, this service is what really makes Mothers Club possible. Nursery expenses and meeting costs are covered by a small donation each mother is asked to give.

About one-third of the mothers who attend are from no church or another church.

In 90 minutes, the ladies share spiritual communion through devotions given by the leaders, an interesting book report, a craft-of-the-month. They hear the speaker-of-the-month teaching the biblical aspect of discipline, or communication, or nutrition, and more. Meetings are scheduled every other Thursday morning.

A new feature added this year is interviews with mothers. Insight, encouragement, wisdom, and laughter are shared when these mothers get together to learn from one another. Adding variety and fun to the scope of child development, "Activities to be done with child" is also offered.

The Mothers Club newsletter, no less a collector's item, announces the monthly meetings, lists features planned, recipes, Mothers-of-the-Month, hints, in addition to a variety of writings printed for enriched mothering.

Mothering. A blessing—unequalled, underestimated, undeserved.

His good idea.

—by Anne Stefaniuk, mother of five and free-lance writer in Red Haw, Ohio.

The Stefaniuk Family (Baby, Paul, not shown)



As we celebrate "Happy Two-hundredth Birthday" for Sunday school, we hear from two CE experts: Lowell Brown, founder-director of International Center for Learning, who has shared in our CE convention; and Rod Toews, Gospel Light vice president, and a regular contributor to our annual CE conventions. The question:

Is Sunday School Really Needed by Adults in the '80s?

Brown: Is the Sunday school needed in the '80s? I would have to say that, yes, it is necessary because it is one of the few programs we have that will help the conditions of the '80s. People need Bible study as much today as ever. They need to get into a group of people and ask, "What does the Bible say about my life?" If people are going to get active in Bible study, Sunday school is one of the few places available.

Toews: As an adult teacher, I notice how much people need interpersonal relationships with one another. For example, couples are lost in our world to find identity with other people. Consequently, the opportunities that we structure within the Sunday school provide the possibilities for people to share their lives. Loneliness—in adults, in marriage, among children—can be addressed within the caring unit structure of the Sunday school. The Sunday school is the best vehicle to organize

effective caring units, and more importantly maintain them, through the year's program.

Brown: Agreed. I think that the Sunday school is still the only program that most churches have that will take the oldest to the youngest and provide a systematic, planned, organized Bible study opportunity.

Toews: God has called a lot of people to work in the vineyard, yet where are you going to be able to find significant ministries within the church as a layman? I think that the Sunday school provides not only the opportunity for teaching, but also for putting people in roles of administration, of serving to visit, of just being a servant in refreshments. Again, the Sunday school is the great opportunity for the church to say, "Men and women you come here; we'll give you an expression for your life through ministry."



A computer-evaluated Sunday school report of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Div. Church

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Superintendent**

- A Columbus, Ohio (Grace)
James Custer
Wilfred Friesland
- B Wooster, Ohio
Kenneth Ashman
Richard Holmes
- C Modesto, Calif. (Big Valley)
David Seifert
Harlan Vanden Bosch
- D Columbus, Ohio (East Side)
Randy Bowman
Robert Hanchey
- E Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)
Duke Wallace
Ed Betz
- F Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)
Curtis Stroman
Richard Gantz
- G North Kokomo, Ind.
Jay Fretz
Gary Trimble
- H Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)
Gerald Allebach
Paul Ream
- I Cypress, Calif.
Steve Bradley
Anita David
- J Dryhill, Ky.
Sam Baer
Sally Jane Begley
- N Toledo, Ohio
Jeff Carroll
Doug Davisson

January

A.M. Celebration Growth!

- Five over 900
- + Seven over 500
- + Five over 400
- + Nine over 300

While we make much of quality and spiritual growth, we also rejoice as more of our churches are expanding ministries into larger numbers.

Let's thank God together!



*Sandra Sayne
1979 SMM
Girl of the Year*

Some of Our Best Friends are – Girls

Sandra Sayne attributes her desire to be a missionary as a direct result of the missions emphasis in SMM. Twelve years in the program has had a tremendous influence on her life. "SMM taught me the importance of establishing goals and completing them. But more important it helped me see God's plan for myself as a woman."

Service is a large part of SMM and Sandra feels that through SMM she has learned the importance of serving other people. She puts into practice what she has learned. She was on Operation Barnabas in 1979 and is now actively involved in puppets, drama team, nursery help and junior church at her local church. "I want the world to be a better place by serving the Lord in everything I do through my daily walk with Him."

Being crowned 1979 SMM Girl of the Year last summer at Brethren National Youth Conference was the highlight of her 12 years in SMM. "Receiving this honor has opened up many more doors for me to be able to witness and share my love for the Lord."

This fall Sandra plans to attend Grace College. She will start pursuing courses in Christian Education which will aid in her goal to be in full-time missionary service.

The SMM program is designed to stimulate spiritual growth in girls like Sandra. Your prayers and gifts allow these ministries to continue.

To help Brethren girls, designate gifts to:

GBC Christian Education
P.O. Box 365
Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

SMM is . . .

. . . for any age girl from first through twelfth grade. There are four groups:

Little Sisters—first through third grade;

Amigas—fourth through sixth grade;

Lumiere—seventh through ninth grade;

Charis—tenth through twelfth grade.

. . . a program where girls learn about the importance of service and worship. SMM encourages girls to memorize and apply Scripture to daily living.

. . . encourages girls to pray, give and go! Missions is a very integral part of SMM.

. . . a chance for girls to grow in all areas of their lives. That's why SMM uses the example of Christ's life and teachings as the foundation for all programming (Luke 2:52).

The Growing Church



by Pastor Bob Combs, Norton, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church

Sunday School Open House

We tried it at GBC of Norton and we liked it. The purpose was to give the teacher the opportunity to establish rapport with parents and acquaint them with the materials, methods, and procedures of the classroom.

We've tried "open house" twice. Sunday evening works best. Teachers were very positive after it was all over.

After a general session explaining the schedule, there were three 15-minute classroom periods. Each teacher was in his class for two of those

periods. The other period was used for him to visit his child's class.

I conducted a Bible study for adults who were not involved. The youth held their regular youth meeting. There were learning activities for children.

"The Christian Home," a film featuring Howard Hendricks, was shown and a fellowship time followed. The entire program lasted two hours.

We plan to make "Sunday school open house" an annual event; knowing successful traditions are vital to church growth.



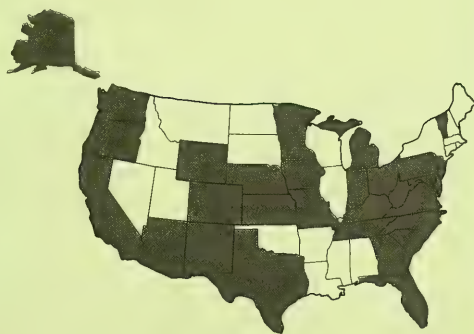
52 Churches Here We Come!

As the decade of the eighties unfolds, the challenges for the Christian community are tremendous. Recognizing that Christ may return in this current decade, many Christians, Christian organizations and local churches are claiming aggressive goals for reaching their world for Christ. "Fifty-two Churches by 1984" is such a goal established by The Brethren Home Missions Council.

Believing that evangelization is most effectively accomplished through Bible-teaching, Christ-committed local churches, The Brethren Home Missions Council introduced "A Bountiful Harvest/40th Anniversary Church Planting Campaign" in August of 1979. The thrust of the program was to plant 10 churches over and above our anticipated growth of 42 churches by 1984. A goal of \$400,000, by December 31, 1979, vitally contributed to the establishment of these 10 additional churches.

With the conclusion of our fortieth anniversary emphasis, the Council is now faced with the task — 52 churches by 1984! Is it possible? We believe it is! But only as Brethren across this nation take up this church planting challenge through prayer, personal involvement and financial support.

YOUR PRAYERS CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE! PRAY FOR 52 CHURCHES BY 1984!



□ States without Grace Brethren Churches.

Planting Bible-teaching, Christ-committed, soul-winning, missionary-minded local churches is the commitment The Brethren Home Missions Council has made to God and the FGBC. The above map shows the boundaries of our Fellowship. Through the Bountiful Harvest program, the Council hopes to accelerate the growth of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

A Bountiful Harvest Continues

by Dr. Lester E. Pifer
Executive Secretary

Tracing Our Roots

The Bountiful Harvest program grew out of a progressive missions strategy developed in the late '60s. Disappointed in the annual reports of many home missions churches, The Brethren Home Missions Council determined to assist their churches in becoming more evangelistic, visionary and people oriented.

After a careful study of slow-growing churches, the Council took three steps to help home mission churches become strong self-supporting witnesses. First, a two-year program of personal evangelism training for local churches was launched with the use of Rev. and Mrs. Ron Picard. Beginning their ministry in 1970, the Picards moved from church to church training pastors and laymen in soul winning and effective visitation.

A second corrective measure centered on the pastor. A careful program of screening home mission pastoral candidates, with a special emphasis on spiritual gifts, personal evangelism and a compassion for the lost, was implemented. Orientation classes for new mission personnel began and soul winning was stressed at annual workshops.

Our third directive involved an outline of goals for local church growth. Goals for souls to be won, increases in attendance and membership, as well as finances were to be set. Self-supporting became a stronger emphasis with a five-year self-support plan for all new mission points established.

Out of this background came the Bountiful Harvest emphasis of the present hour. When The Brethren Home Missions Council Board of Directors met at the Brethren Navajo Mission in March of 1979, we were primed for visionary goals and aggressive advancement. The five newly established Navajo churches set the mood for the important decisions of the week. Mr. Brad Skiles, our new promotional secretary, laid out the Bountiful Harvest program. The Board and staff united in prayer and gave a "full speed ahead" approval to the challenging church planting venture.

A Phenomenal Response

The enthusiastic acceptance of the Bountiful Harvest challenge at national conference was unprecedented. The offering and commitments were the largest ever taken in a national conference. The Grace Brethren Fellowship, under the excellent leadership of Dr. David Hocking, faced up to our church growth "diseases" and accepted the challenge of church planting in America and Canada.

Though there was some fear that the new corps of foreign mission candidates might not receive their support, the Lord honored the faith of the Brethren by even a greater commitment for Foreign Missions on the following night. This proved again that a balanced home and foreign mission emphasis will produce God's maximum blessing. Building strong missionary-minded churches at home will produce support for missionary service abroad.

The response in letters and gifts was overwhelming in these months since national conference. A businessman in Northern California wrote, "Yes, Dr. Pifer, I'll join you in prayer" and enclosed a \$500 check. An isolated Brethren family in the state of Washington sent a gift of \$500. A semi-retired pastor in Kenai, Alaska, sent an enthusiastic letter



Over forty Brethren from the First Brethren Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, committed themselves to the Bountiful Harvest challenge. Dr. Lester E. Pifer, pictured above with Pastor Galen Lingenfelter, was able to personally thank many of these Brethren.

and notified us of a \$500 gift placed in the Kenai church for "A Bountiful Harvest." A doctor in Southern California sent his congratulations with a \$2,000 check. A pastor from Clayton, Ohio, wrote "enclosed is my check for \$40 to help in planting new churches in our Fellowship. It's my prayer that the Lord will give the vision you have to the people of our churches."

We received hundreds of letters with the Bountiful Harvest offerings, some sent direct and others through their churches.

One of the most dramatic responses came at the First Brethren Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, when almost every family present came forward to dedicate themselves to church planting and Pastor Galen Lingenfelter presented us with a check for \$1,140. I had the privilege of personally thanking these Brethren and handing them their gold finished lapel pins.

The Bountiful Harvest emphasis also helped the annual home missions offering, enabling us to receive our largest income for home missions. It exceeded our expenses by slightly over \$5,000. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!

The Bottom Line

The most rewarding responses came in the form of new churches and Bible classes being established. During the fall months of our promotional campaign, our Winona office was flooded with news of Brethren desiring to be involved in establishing new churches. New Bible classes emerged at Henderson, Nevada, and Flossmoor, Illinois, both with excellent church planting potential. Five new Bible classes began in Florida (Jacksonville, Melbourne, Sebring, Lakeland and New Port Richey). A family in Raleigh, North Carolina, asked us for names of local Brethren and expressed a desire for a GBC in this growing city. Two new Grace Brethren Churches were organized in Southern California. Canadian doors began to open.

The Bountiful Harvest goal is to plant 52 Grace Brethren Churches by 1984. Forty-two of these churches will be established by our normal growth pattern. The ten additional churches are planned but can only come as we pray the Lord of the Harvest for wisdom on locations, missionary personnel and for the financial support.

A tool for helping us reach our goal of 52 new churches was a \$400,000 goal, essential to the development of 10 churches beyond our budgeted growth. Currently we have 1,618 people committed to "A Bountiful Harvest," representing gifts of over \$63,000. I believe more Brethren will commit themselves to this church planting challenge before 1984. As opportunities develop, and as we progress toward our aggressive "52 new churches" goal, God will supply the financing through Brethren who share our desire for church planting and for reaching this nation and our world for Christ. Let's praise God in advance for the souls He is going to reach through the Grace Brethren Fellowship!

Some of the letters we received . . .

Just want to thank you for the pewter pin. I
praise the Lord for people like you who see to
it that the Great Commission is carried out!

California

Enclosed is my check for
\$40.00 to help with the program
of planting new churches in our
Fellowship. It is my prayer that
the Lord will give the vision
you have to the people of our
churches. Thank you for the
challenge!

Ohio

Thank you for the brochure:
"A Bountiful Harvest." I found
it very interesting and en-
couraging. Though I am no
longer a member of the
Brethren Church, I am still in-
terested in your home missions
program. May the Lord bless
your every effort to His glory
for the salvation of hundreds of
precious souls. Enclosed is my
check for \$100 for Brethren
Home Missions.

Texas

Although my mother passed away last
spring, at the age of 98½, we still respect her
intense zeal and interest in Brethren Missions.
Even the last Sunday before her death she
came home from church with a brochure in her
bulletin concerning Home Missions. I know
that she would have found some way to save
\$40.00 to be involved in this church planting
campaign. Please accept this gift in remem-
brance of her.

California

For the first time in our lives we know what
sacrificial giving means. After committing ourselves to
"A Bountiful Harvest," our car insurance came due,
our taxes came due, our oven went out, . . . then we
learned that our National Guard pay check would not
arrive until January. God continues to bless us unex-
pectedly and today the Guard check arrived. All our
bills are paid and with this letter is the rest of our \$40.
We may not have much under our Christmas tree this
year but we do have the best gift of all — the Lord
Jesus Christ and to Him we say "Happy Birthday and
here's a gift to use toward your Bountiful Harvest!"
Thanks for your service!

Kansas

Thank you for the pin. It is attractive and also pro-
vides an opportunity to tell non-Brethren about our
Fellowship. We rejoice that your financial needs are
being supplied and that prospects for this coming year
are good. We will do whatever we can to help you,
through prayer and gifts.

Indiana

Any individual contributing \$40 or more to "A Bountiful
Harvest" campaign will receive an attractive gold finish
home missions lapel pin.

You Can Still Be Involved!

OK, here's my special gift of ☐ \$20, ☐ \$40, ☐ \$_____.
for your church planting campaign. I'm anxious to see God
use our Fellowship in planting 52 new gospel outposts!

Name _____

Street _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Local Church _____

(Mail to: BHMC, Box 587, Winona Lake, IN 46590)

New Churches and Classes Directory

Burlington, Vermont

Rev. James Hunt T
167 W. Main St.
Newport, VT 05855

Butler, Pennsylvania

Rev. Robert L. Burns T
R.R. 4, Box 39
Kittanning, PA 16201

Canal Fulton, Ohio

Rev. Robert Carmean P
Grace Brethren Chapel
5516 Bridgeport
Canal Fulton, OH 44614

Flossmoor, Illinois

Rev. Bill Smith T
BHMC, P.O. Box 587
Winona Lake, IN 46590

Frederick, Maryland

Pastor Jeff Thornley T
c/o Grace Brethren Church
5000 St. Barnabas Rd.
Temple Hills, MD 20031

Frostburg, Maryland

Rev. Wayne Mensinger T
Route 1, Box 379
Frostburg, MD 21532

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Rev. William Fay T
c/o Don Blakeley
632 Apollo Drive
Henderson, NV 89015

Jacksonville, Florida

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Grace Brethren Church
Barberville Road, Rte. 40
Ormond Beach, FL 32074

Lakeland, Florida

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126 E. Palm Drive
Lakeland, FL 33803

Marysville, Ohio

Rev. Howard Downing P
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Orlando, FL 32811

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Port Richey, FL 33568

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Newport, VT 05855

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Long Beach, CA 90808

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5000 St. Barnabas Rd.
Temple Hills, MD 20031

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Grace Brethren Church
Louis Huesmann, Jr. L
2525 Carriage Rd.
Powell, OH 43065

P = Pastor

T = Teacher

L = Layman

**NONE OF THE ABOVE LIST
WAS UNDER BRETHREN
HOME MISSIONS AS OF
MARCH 1, 1980**

More Money Needed?

That's right! Although The Brethren Home Missions Council is moving full speed ahead with the goal of 52 new churches by 1984, it is not too late to join this church planting campaign. The \$63,000+ raised in the 1979 "A Bountiful Harvest" emphasis could be used to bring one church to a five-year support level, or assist several works in initially getting started. But the overall goal of 10 churches beyond our budgeted growth will only be possible as more funds are marked "A Bountiful Harvest."

The Brethren Home Missions Council is proceeding with the aggressive goals, trusting God for the needed funds as new works are developed. If you have not joined this church planting venture — we would welcome your involvement!

Please contact one of these new groups if you are moving to their area and could be used of the Lord to help build a Grace Brethren Church. In addition to praying for these new developments, you could assist in the growth of these churches and classes if you can supply the groups with names of friends and family members who might be relocating in one of these areas.

Note: This list may not represent all Bible classes or churches being developed in the Grace Brethren Fellowship. We request your help in keeping us informed of current developments!

by Cheryl Swift

Cheryl (Berggren) Swift grew up in the North Long Beach (Calif.) Brethren Church where she and her husband, Dave, were married. They have lived in Riverside (50 miles east of Long Beach) for over two years.

In the Beginning

The cold yellow sun shivered as it rose in the early morning sky. Yawning, I stretched and rolled over in my warm sleeping bag, eager for more sleep. But within moments, the spell of the quiet morning was broken as bulldozers and jackhammers blasted through the cold, still air. Carpenters shouted to one another as their powerful pneumatic air guns ricocheted off wooden beams, keeping rhythm to the whining horn of the earth mover grading the streets out front.

I pulled back the worn sheets hanging across the windows and sleepily peeked out. Rows and rows of empty, half-finished houses stood at attention. Shivering in the early morning sun; a new housing tract was being built in Southern California. I pulled the blanket tighter around me and shivered, too. Being young, excited, and expecting our first child, we had moved into our new house without water, gas, electricity, or furniture and alone in our "ghost town" we waited for weeks before we had any real neighbors.

And so began a new life; a life filled with new friends, a new baby, new lawns, new curtains, but in the midst of the activity and newness, a dull pain ached in our hearts. We could find no church. How we longed to raise our new little daughter in a loving, Christ-centered Brethren church. But as the weeks and months wore on, we found no such place.

Housing tracts like ours con-

tinued to spring up throughout Riverside, California, at a phenomenal rate. So many young families and young children—all needing to know that Christ loves them and died for them. The ache in our hearts deepened. "If only Brian and Kathy Smith were out here," my husband and I joked with each other, remembering our beloved "young marrieds" pastor and his wife at North Long Beach Brethren Church. "Why, if they were here we could win the entire city of Riverside (population, 162,800) for Christ! Such potential lies here!" Little did we know that God was thinking the same thing, and at that very moment was working behind the scenes, unbeknownst to us all.

Several Brethren families "happened" to move into the Riverside area. God continued working. One afternoon a surprise letter arrived in the mail. "Would you be interested in starting a new Grace Brethren church?" asked Bob Thompson, of the Brethren Home Missions Council. In the weeks that followed, we gathered together to discuss the possibilities of planting a Grace Brethren church in Riverside. How excited we all were! We continued to meet together every week, but how we longed for, and needed a leader—someone to give us direction and a goal. "It's going to take time to find a pastor," Bob warned us soberly. But God had already chosen someone.

Someone whom He had been preparing well. One well weathered

in the things of the Lord; a man with a vision, and the determination to see a dream fulfilled. One who had been our teacher in the high school department, right-hand man to our pastor, our "young marrieds" pastor . . . yes, our very own Brian Smith!

How we praise God for the miraculous ways in which He works! Home Bible studies followed, discipleship programs, searching for a school to hold church services in, waiting for consideration by the Home Missions Board to be a Brethren Home Mission point . . .

God will build His Church. A church of love, warmth, and truth. How thankful we all are to be able to be a part of it. Yes, God will build His Church. You watch, you wait, you'll see.



Pastor Brian Smith has been an active member of North Long Beach Brethren Church for

over 18 years. During his last 3 years he served as associate pastor to David Miller, overseeing the evangelism/discipleship ministry and counseling. Currently, Brian is holding home Bible studies in Riverside and hopes to begin regular church services by April 1980.



The Riverside, California, Brethren

Expecting a Miracle



A Brethren Home Missions

You don't have to live in Oklahoma to expect miracles. They happen in California also. The Hemet, California, Grace Brethren Church maintains the motto: "Expect a Miracle!" And such an event is happening.

Arriving in Hemet on November 15, 1978, Pastor Sheldon Perrine and his wife, Nelda, have watched God bring the church membership from 20 in January 1978, to 46 in February 1980. During 1979 the Hemet Brethren have witnessed 24 first-time decisions for Christ, 15 baptisms, and 25 people rededicating their lives to Christ.

The enthusiasm for growth was demonstrated financially among these believers as their \$12,000 budget for 1979 was exceeded in offerings by \$7,000. A building fund which was started in June of 1979, closed the year with a balance of over \$4,200.

Asked what his strategy was for growth, Pastor Perrine replied, "Loving the flock and seeing that they are well fed (spiritually, of course)."

Does that automatically produce growth? "No, but I've found that when my people realize that the love they experience among believers is genuine and cannot be duplicated apart from Christ, then they seem to be anxious to share that love with neighbors and friends. When you build upon that motivation with solid Bible teaching and instruction concerning our evangelistic responsibility, visitors are a natural byproduct," says Sheldon.

Then you don't personally need to be involved in evangelism, right? "Wrong! I can't tell my people that they need to get out and share their Christ with a dying community if I'm not setting the example! My congregation must be able to see that what I say is what I do!"

Sheldon is setting the example for his congregation. In 1979 Pastor Perrine made 667 calls (including calls on members) and handed out over 5,500 gospel tracts.

Evangelistic fervor is as much a part of Sheldon Perrine as is his smile—in fact, they often work as a team. Sheldon recently reported that as he entered a dry-cleaning service near his home, the woman at the counter said, "My, but you're a happy man." Sheldon was quick to reply, "That's right, and I have a tract I would like to give to you that will tell you how you can also be happy."

Finding out that the woman did not attend church anywhere, Sheldon invited her to attend Hemet GBC. That next Sunday she was there, the following Sunday she accepted Christ, two weeks later she was baptized, became a member of the church, and is now actively greeting visitors!

Such a commitment to evangelism has led the church to set some aggressive goals for 1980. Twenty-five new families, 100 new converts, 100 baptisms and an average of 100 in Sunday school, are the miracles that these Brethren are trusting God for. The Brethren Home Missions Council is thrilled to see the vision and faith of this home missions church and has every reason to believe that God will perform His miracle at Hemet!

Pray that:

1. God will supply the needed leadership for the growing church.
2. The pastor will continue to be an excited motivator in preaching the Word and directing the laity in personal evangelism.
3. Lasting fruit will result from the church's evangelism class.



Larry Wedertz prays God's blessing upon the life and testimony of Jose Castillo at his baptism in late spring of 1975.

Jose has Gone Home

by Angie Garber

As I approached the nurses' station in the Cuba (N. Mex.) hospital that morning I learned that my old friend Jose, had suffered a stroke an hour before, and his left side was paralyzed. Two nurses were busy at his bed so I stood, waiting, outside his room. Soon Dolly, a nurse's aid and a member of the Cedar Hill Grace Brethren Church, said I could go in before they started

the "Ivs."

As I stood at his bed he asked Dolly, in Navajo, who it was. She pulled the bed from the wall so I could go on the other side where he could see me better. I opened my Navajo Bible to John 14, knowing it would be familiar to him. Reading those hope-filled verses brought tears to my eyes, so Dolly took over and read to him. Before she finished she was called away. I began at verse one and then reread the words, "I go to prepare a place for you. . . I am the way." When my short broken prayer was ended Dolly returned and showed me his helpless left hand. I took his good hand in mine and he squeezed mine again and again. About the same time the next day we received word of his death.

I cannot remember when I first saw Jose. I just remember he was a little white-haired man who lived along in the Chiquito camp. He herded sheep most of the time, but once in a while he would be standing in the door of his house watching as we visited his relatives. Once when no one was at the other houses, we went to his home and read to him.

Lee Trujillo was his younger brother and was anxious to have his

own people come to the Lord. He would drive his truck out and bring a load of people, including Jose, to church. When the Cedar Hill church was built, Jose became the janitor and loved to care for the building. Always at the services, he grew in the knowledge of the Word. When he saw us on the mission station, he greeted us with a wide smile and a happy word.

Late last fall he was hospitalized with cancer and from then on he was in and out of the hospitals at Gallup and Cuba. The doctor told me a couple of months ago they gave him only a little while to live.

When Jose was with his family for Christmas, he said he wasn't afraid to die as he was saved and ready to go. He was so thankful that Lee kept coming to his home and telling him of the Lord, even when he did not want him to bring the Bible and talk to him. What a happy day it was when he was baptized as a believer in Jesus Christ.

Jose's life here has ended, but we know we shall see that joyous smile again in that place our Lord has gone to prepare for those who put their trust in Him. Truly Jesus is the Way to everlasting life. Jose has found the way and has gone to his eternal home.

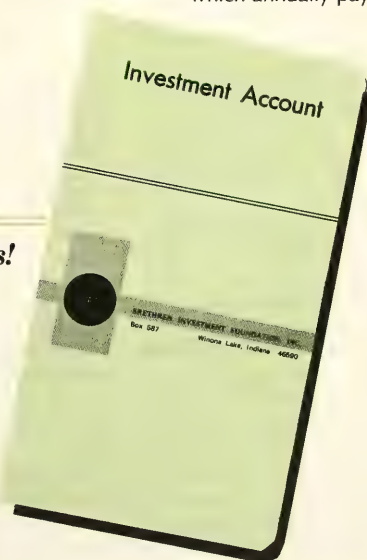
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Shoal, Ky., Where Half the Town Comes to Church

by Pastor Sam Baer

Should we continue this church or close it down? That was the question that continually bothered Pastor Sam and Betty Baer. From October to December, attendances had been as low as one and no higher than five. Two faithful godly ladies had moved away and both of them were tithers. Was it worth the bumpy 45-minute drive one way, or could our time be used more profitably in another area?

After taking people home from the Dryhill church on Sunday afternoon, I would eat a hurried dinner and leave for Shoal at 1:45 p.m. for the 35- to 45-minute drive. Located in three hollows ("hollers"), the Shoal chapel was started and built by Marvin Lowery as a result of a Vacation Bible School one year. We would have church from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and then I would leave right away for a Sunday evening service back in Dryhill. Sundays were quite hectic.

I started going out to Shoal on Fridays and holding two individual Bible studies with two men. They enjoyed it and appreciated my visits on Friday and I was having a good time, too. I would also visit some of the other homes in this small mountain community.

"Why not have church on Friday evening?" I'm sure the thought was from the Lord. Why not? After all, I was already going out on Fridays. Why not have it at 4:00 p.m. right when the children get home from school, have a pot luck dinner, Sunday school (which we never had

time for on Sundays) and then church. The thought seemed great, would it work? After praying about it, I finally approached some of the people. They were all in favor of giving it a try. Our first try was the second Friday in 1980. Thirteen people came! It was terrific! Three of them were men and most of the times before we didn't have one man. The next week we had 13, again with 3 men. The last Friday of January we had 16. I was thrilled! Why? Because only 32 people live at Shoal, Kentucky, therefore, *half of the town was in church that day*. We are looking forward to the day when *the whole town* will come to church . . . on Friday!



God Sent us Two Men . . . Eight More to Go!

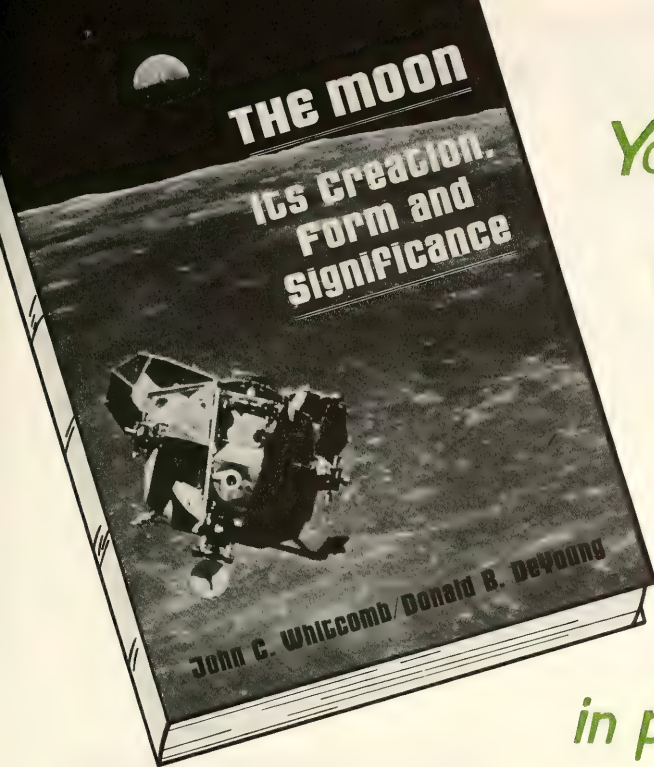
Because a lot of Brethren people are praying across this nation, God is doing something unusual here at Dryhill. He is sending us men. Please, keep praying!

December through September 1980 is 10 months. Our goal? To reach 10 men who will be committed to this work here in Dryhill, Kentucky. Praise God, He has given us two wonderful men. One in December and one in January (dated 2/12/80). We are trusting God to give us one man per month.

God sent Junior Woods and his wife, Billie, to Dryhill, Kentucky, to open a coal mine. Junior was saved 13 years ago. He was born and raised along Hell for Certain Creek. He has many relatives and friends that his heart aches to see come to know the Lord. Junior is

at every service, our only man to do this since Tony Amendolia left last April. He is a tither, soul winner and radiates the Lord Jesus. Any Grace Brethren church would love to have him as a member of their church. He helps out in the services and has preached twice.

In January God sent us Mike Lewis. Mike's parents were born and raised in this area and moved away because of being transferred in the Air Force. God sent him back to Leslie County after training him at an Independent Baptist Church in Phoenix, Arizona. Mike can teach, knows how to lead people to Christ, has been faithful Sunday mornings, and helps in the services. *Pray* that Mike can find a better job that will pay more as they can hardly make ends meet now. His wages are half of what he used to make in the Air Force. Janice is Mike's wife and they have a son nine months old, named Thaddaues.



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Women Manifesting Christ

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Amy Paden	June 12, 1977
Rev. Martin Garber	June 14
Lynda Garber	June 15, 1969
Rev. Roy Snyder	June 15
Mrs. Howard Immel	June 24
Miss Diana Davis	June 29

ARGENTINA

Rev. Earl Futch	June 10
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FRANCE

Mrs. Elliott (Tex) Hudson	June 3
Timothy Hudson	June 19, 1975
Rev. Tom Julien	June 27

GERMANY

Rev. Roger Peugh	June 17
Mrs. Roger Peugh	June 17
Monica Pappas	June 18, 1976

PUERTO RICO

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Offering Opportunity

The national WMC offering promotion for the months of March, April, and May is a foreign mission project. This year, as last, our Foreign Missions project is money towards the building of a new mission residence in Winona Lake, Indiana. This building will house missionaries on furlough as well as supply many other needs. The need is great. Our project goal is \$11,000 and the monies directed toward this project should be sent to the Financial Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Ashman by June 10, 1980.



Photo by Jay Fretz

Homespun

by Mrs. Elizabeth Moore

"Grandma, are you proud of me?" The big brown eyes looked up at me as I tucked the first of three granddaughters into bed. My heart was full of pride as I replied, "Yes, dear, Grandma is very proud of you!"

"Are you proud of big sister that she is taking swimming lessons?"

"Yes. I'm very proud of big sister, too," I again replied.

"Are you proud of us that we are learning to dress ourselves?"

Again, I had to answer in the affirmative as those brown eyes continued to tug at my heart strings. This dear little one that I love so dearly was really concerned that she had met with my approval. Later that night as I drove to my home, the phrase kept ringing in my ears, "Are you proud of me?" I couldn't help but think of the day when we will stand before our Lord. We won't have to ask the question. If we are faithful in our commitment to Him, He will say: "Well done" to each one. I wondered that night, and even now, if He will be proud of me? Will I hear His "well done thou good and faithful servant." I am also wondering if He will be proud of you?

Women's Missionary Council Speaks . . .

Hi! My middle name is missionary. Very rarely do you find one who feels as I do about my middle name. Many middle names are deeply hidden in the recesses of the social security card or job application forms, but mine signifies my very being.

You've probably heard of folks who use only a middle initial because they can't conceive why they should be saddled with such a dubious title. I don't feel that way at all. My lineage is exactly what my name implies, or at least it should be.

Why, my members or individual auxiliaries across the country are involved in innumerable ways in missionary activities. They support birthday missionaries each year with prayers, support monies, and highly imaginative personal remembrances. Prayer is another avenue for service for my ladies. For several years they have prayed for missionary candidates and the Lord has supplied the need! Not only do the auxiliaries support foreign missions, but the projects completed by hard-working councils are a map to all facets of Brethren work in the Fellowship. What a tremendous challenge to live up to a name such as mine. If youngsters are given a "family name" as a distinction, sometimes whether correct or not they are admonished to live up to it. What a privilege in serving the Lord to be properly called "missionary" and not have the name become a misnomer or empty title.

WMC Idea File

— Remember shut-ins with a hint of spring—forced bulbs in a cup, coupons to wash their windows or another large task, and a tape of your recent WMC meeting. Cassette tapes and recorders can be circulated among members that cannot attend.

— Spring clean your WMC files. Even if you find nothing to throw away or refile, this could jog your memory concerning doing something, filling out some form, sending in a report or offering that could otherwise be forgotten or misplaced. Do recirculate items that need to go to another officer of your group.

— Please send all literature orders to Box No. 711, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. Use literature order form in devotional packet.

— Save your grocery store change for special offerings on a local or district level.

— April 30, 1980, is the date for the Christian Ed offering to be due. This offering goes toward the support of director of SMM, Miss Judy Ashman, and the SMM Girl of the Year scholarship.

— Did you know that our WMC Birthday offering goes toward the regular support of five missionaries freeing money for other projects that would otherwise be used for their support. Come on, ladies. This is one time when telling your true age really helps someone.

— Surprise your pastor and ask for a special once-a-year job. Washing windows, helping in the church office, and so forth. WMC is an arm of the church.



Editor's note: National WMC President Miriam Pacheco and Director of SMM Judy Ashman discuss together the "hand-in-glove" approach of SMM and WMC.

Photos by Liz Cutler

We Work Together

WMC and SMM work together in the local church. But we might not be aware of the total support given to the corresponding organizations by members of each. Let's listen in on a recent conversation over lunch when WMC National President Miriam Pacheco and Director of SMM Judy Ashman got together.

Judy: It's nice to be able to have lunch together once in awhile. I wish we could do it more often, but I don't think my budget could afford it!

Miriam: I know what you mean. It's nice to be able to just talk and share what's happening in both SMM and

WMC. Say, Judy, I have some questions that maybe you could help me with. "How does WMC relate to SMM since you've become a staff member with GBC Christian Education?"

Judy: Well, WMC helps with financial support each year

through one of their national offerings. The GBC Christian Education Department actually hires or appoints the director of SMM and then the WMC gives its approval of that director. Also, as director of SMM, I keep the national WMC executive committee and board informed of what's happening in SMM. I sit in on national WMC executive committee meetings and offer helps and suggestions, but I have no voting privileges.

Judy: Miriam, I remembered that WMC just decided something about the \$500 scholarship it gives for SMM Girl of the Year, what was the complete decision?

Miriam: The \$500 scholarship is designed for Grace College only, and the girl must use it within five years after her high school graduation or she forfeits the scholarship. She may not transfer it to another person or school.

Miriam: Judy, I know that SMM and WMC are set up similar in organization in that we have a national level, district level, and local level. How should the district SMM patroness be responsible to the district WMC?

Judy: I think that very definitely she should report what's happening in the SMM program because of the support that WMC gives, but the WMC shouldn't "tie her hands."

Since she is either appointed or approved for election by WMC (and that varies with each district organization) that should mean they feel she is capable of doing the job. Once the WMC has OK'd her to do that job, they should trust her to do it.

Judy: Let me ask you something. How do you see the district WMC could support the district SMM program?

Miriam: Very definitely—prayer support. They are our "daughters" and it's part of our responsibility to love and support them. Also, a big part would be the financial support for the district SMM program as much as possible. In fact, one of our district WMC objectives is to help support the district SMM in any way that's needed.

Miriam: You know, as I see it, the local SMM-WMC relationship is really the "nitty-gritty." But I know that some churches have problems getting WMC ladies to be patronesses. When you have that problem and you want to have SMM what do you do?

Judy: I say that one should never penalize the girls in a local church because of the women. We do suggest that WMC membership is a good qualification for an SMM patroness, however, it's not a requirement. There are some WMCs that just really need

"beefed up" in order to get more of the local women in the church involved.

Judy: Miriam, you're a Little Sisters patroness in a local church. What kind of support do you like to see your local WMC giving you?

Miriam: I can think of three areas right away: personal support, prayer support, and financial support. Our WMC helps with paying for the girls' awards and it really shows the girls that the ladies are interested in them. Of course, the prayer support is vital and the personal aspect of the ladies getting to know the girls on an individual basis can benefit both women and girls. I think one of the neatest things is the Mini-Maxi program! It really allows for the personal and prayer support of the women with the girls on an individual basis.

Judy: Yes, I know what you mean! Each of my SMM girls in our Amigas group really loves her Maxi and I notice a real bond between the lady who makes the effort to get to know and pray for her Mini.

My word, I've got to run! I didn't realize how late it was getting and I've got an appointment back at the office. Thanks again for having lunch with me. I really enjoyed being able to chat about SMM and WMC and how they relate to one another. See you later!



WMC READING CIRCLE

From the Heart of a Woman, by Carole Mayhall (Navpress, \$1.95)

Here is basic discipleship from a woman's viewpoint. The author describes events in her life that convinced her God is interested in her daily activities and concerns. The book includes practical suggestions for Christian living, plus many personal illustrations. "I don't want to be robbed of even one of God's riches," Carole says, "by not taking the time to let Him invade my life."

Not Ready to Walk Alone, by Judith Fabisch (Zondervan, \$5.95)

Deals realistically with the subject of widowhood, offering sensitive and practical advice for this unexpected life style. Drawing from personal experiences, the author discusses how to meet immediate and long-range problems.

The Moon Is Not Enough, by Mary Irwin and Madaline Harris (Zondervan, \$3.95)

The intimate self-portrait of a woman forced to live a fishbowl life. The wife of NASA astronaut, Mary Irwin bravely shares how her own insecurity combined with the 5-year period of vigorous space training and the pressure of public life nearly cost the Irwins their marriage.

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Write a Missionary Letter

Our missionaries look forward to getting letters from ladies here in the United States. They like to receive newsy letters, as we do. Keep your letters interesting. Let the missionaries know what is going on in your own church, and how the Lord is working and blessing lives. Let them know when someone is saved, and when new folks start to come to church. Let them know what the SMM girls', the boys', and the men's works are doing, and tell them about what your WMC has accomplished recently and the blessings received. Let them know you are praying for them. Make it an encouraging letter. Tell them about the sermons, and when the Lord blesses your heart, and when you see answered prayer.

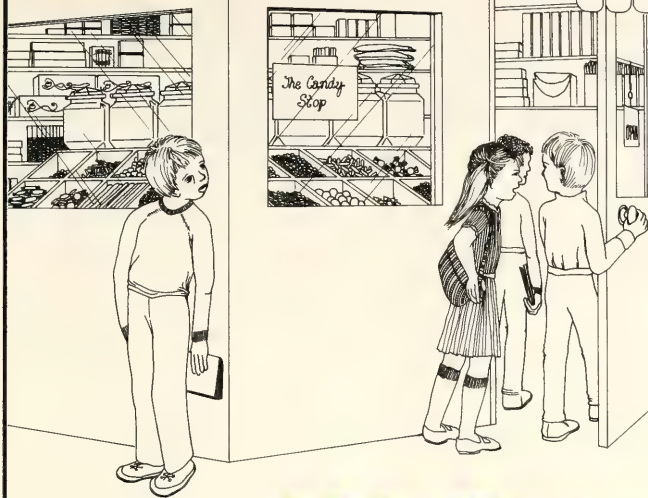
Know the missionary family (that is, how many children are in the family and ask about them), or tell interesting things that would relate to their age groups. Read the *Herald*, *Foreign Missions Echoes*,

and missionary prayer letters, and keep up on all the needs of our missionaries. In this way, you will be a better warrior and a more interesting correspondent. Keep up on Home Missions, for the missionaries are especially interested in what is going on with the churches in the homeland. Know what the missionary does on the field before you start writing your letter—whether he is a teacher at the high school or the Bible Institute, or whether she is a nurse, and so forth.

If it is a birthday letter, write in plenty of time so they get their letter for their birthday. It's better to be a few days early than late. Birthdates published in this issue are several months in advance to allow for mailing time. Don't just send a card with the WMC ladies' names signed on it. The missionaries like to receive news with the card as well. Thousands of miles away, it's difficult for a missionary to place a face with a name on a list, even

though you met that missionary during his or her last furlough. If there are two in a family who have a birthday in the same month, write to both of them in one letter (saving on postage). Try to have the letter arrive for the one who has the birthday first. Use air mail forms for overseas missionaries. Use birthday cards for all the children and write a letter on the inside.

Let's all write to our missionaries and get to know them better. It will be a real blessing in your life as well as in the missionaries' lives. Let's remember that we can be a link to the church in the homeland, and of news of our country as well. As you correspond, keep in mind the busy schedule of the missionary who is sometimes covering the job of another missionary on furlough, or assuming tasks of a second job because of the small missionary task force. Don't always expect a reply. Our letters, whether answered or not, will show our support.



A False Witness on Eleventh Street

by Carolann Oswald

March had been drippy until this sunny Friday. The children skipped happily out of school anticipating some fun together before dinner.

"Hey, where's Tim?" Lawrence asked Casey and Herbert.

"He had to stay after school," Herbert said matter-of-factly.

"What did he do?" Lawrence wanted to know.

"Ahh, I don't know," Casey chuckled, "probably cheated on his spelling test."

"Yeah, ha-ha!" They all agreed.

Monica and Erin, walking just a little ahead of the boys, heard *most* of the conversation.

"Wow!" Erin gasped, "Did you hear that? Tim had to stay after school because he cheated on his spelling test."

"Boy," Monica answered in

disgust, "I never thought Tim would do that!"

The children stopped by a little candy shop for a treat to munch. They didn't notice Tim had almost caught up with them as someone said, "What are we going to do tomorrow?"

"You can all come to my house to play Ping Pong," Monica invited.

"That would be fun, I could bring 'Uno' too. But are you going to invite Tim?" Erin wanted to know.

"Why not?" Lawrence challenged.

"Who wants to play with a cheat? That's why not!" Monica retorted.

Tim didn't understand why the kids were talking about him that way. He turned and walked behind the little shop to avoid the group. There was a lump in his throat. Why would his friends be like that?

Tim wasn't in Sunday

school on Sunday. During the next week Monica, Erin, Casey, Herbert and Lawrence avoided him. Other kids ignored him, too, and while the teacher gave his class a lecture about honesty she seemed to look at Tim a lot.

Tim cried himself to troubled sleep almost every evening until finally he confided to his dad what had been happening.

Again Tim was not in Sunday school. When the teacher asked if he was away or ill it was Monica who bluntly said, "He is probably under conviction."

"Oh?" the teacher puzzled. "Then we should pray for Tim."

The gang felt a little uncomfortable, especially Casey. Just before class was dismissed an usher handed the teacher a note. It said that Pastor Ben wanted to meet with the children in his office following the worship service.

A wave of excitement stirred the group as they wondered what important job Pastor Ben had for them to do. Maybe they could go to the nursing home again.

Pastor Ben looked very serious when he sat down behind his desk. He opened his Bible and read Exodus 20:16. Then he turned to Matthew and read chapter 12, verses 35-37.

The pastor looked solemnly at the group of quiet children. When he spoke his voice was soft, but stern.

"Tim has missed two Sundays now. When I asked about him last week his folks were perplexed over Tim's attitude about coming to church. During this past week Tim told his dad the reason and his dad told me.

"It seems a few days ago Tim was asked to stay after school. The fact is that Tim's reading group is to participate in a PTA program and the teacher wanted Tim's help to assign the parts."

Lawrence bit his lip.

Herbert stopped folding his Sunday school paper into an airplane.

Casey swallowed hard and put his head down.

Erin and Monica glanced at each other with quivering lips and chins.

Pastor Ben cleared his throat before continuing, "It seems that a very ugly rumor has hurt Tim and made him feel lonely. Tim has been accused of cheating. In fact, his teacher at school even heard this."

Casey couldn't stand it. His eyes burned as tears streamed down his cheeks. "It's my fault. We couldn't find Tim after school so I just joked about cheating. I . . . I . . . I guess the kids believed me and I just never told the truth." Casey covered his face.

"Ah, Case," Lawrence sniffled, "it's not all your fault. I didn't bother to find out for sure. I don't know if I really *believed* Tim cheated, it was just easy to go along with the story."

"Yeah," Herbert said softly, smoothing a fold. "I just went along with it, too. Guess that's just as bad as saying the words in the first place."

Monica was using her last tissue and Erin didn't have any. As Pastor Ben handed his handkerchief across the desk Erin could hardly speak.

"Oh, you guys didn't do anything as bad as us," she cried "We told other people."

"That's right," Monica

sobbed. "We repeated something we *overheard*. Oh, how could we be so mean!"

Pastor Ben was quiet while the children settled down a little.

"You have broken one of God's laws. Exodus 20:16 says 'Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.' You said, listened to, or repeated something that was not true. Satan often uses idle words to cause all kinds of trouble. You need to ask God's forgiveness and Tim's, too."

The children shook their heads in agreement. There was no doubt, they had done a very bad thing and hurt a friend.

A thoughtful look crossed Pastor Ben's face.

"I have a question for you," Pastor said. "What if Tim really had cheated, then would it have been OK for you to talk about him and treat him the way you did?"

Each one of the quiet children was thinking hard.

Pastor Ben turned the pages of his Bible to Proverbs, chapter 17, and read verse 9: "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love, but he that repeateth a matter separateth friends." Remember children, we *all* have sinned. The verse in Proverbs suggests that it is never God's way to talk behind a person's back about his sin. The right thing to do is to pray for each other and lovingly help each other live according to God's plan. Now let's pray together."

As Pastor Ben prayed, each child silently confessed being wrong about Tim and each one asked God for forgiveness.

On the way out of church to meet their parents, Lawrence, Casey, Herbert, Monica and Erin agreed to meet at 1:30 to go to Tim's. As soon as possible they wanted to apologize and ask Tim to forgive them, too.

If Christ Had Not Died

If Christ had not died . . .

Would our cursed, blind eyes ever see?

If Christ had not died . . .

That not one soul could ever be free?

If Christ had not died . . .

All pitiful struggling would forever be in vain

If Christ had not died . . .

Souls would still be buried in sins and pain!

But Christ did die . . .

For all who seek His love and cleansing name.

But Christ did die . . .

Without respect for our worthlessness or righteous claim.

But Christ did die . . .

Once and for all bearing all our shame.

But Christ did die . . .

With humility and power God's love to proclaim.

And then Christ arose . . .

The sacred Scripture's prophecy to fulfill.

And then Christ arose . . .

Making salvation's hope; resurrection a lasting thrill!

And then Christ arose . . .

Bringing fruitful purpose and unending joy until . . .

When Christ returns . . .

As He faithfully promised and surely will!

—Anne Stefaniuk, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio

Stauffer Enrolled at Cornell

Cornell University, in upstate New York, is well known as an Ivy League school. It is highly respected as one of the leading medical schools in the world.

Students, numbering in the neighborhood of 16,000, throng over the elite, one-mile-square campus, located in the city of Ithaca. Among the many faces is one which some Warsaw (Ind.) residents and many Grace College students would recognize—Doug Stauffer.

Doug is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stauffer, Route 8, Warsaw, Indiana. His father works for Grace Schools as a member of the maintenance staff. Last year Doug, a 1975 graduate of Warsaw Community High School, gained recognition by graduating from Grace College with four majors: chemistry, biology, math, and general science.

What is a recent Grace graduate doing at Cornell University? Doug applied there and was accepted on the basis of his Graduate Record Exam (G.R.E.) scores, several good

recommendations from Grace professors and his high grade point average (he graduated magna cum laude). Doug is pursuing his postgraduate work in the field of chemistry. His five-year program calls for three years of course work and teaching and two years to write a thesis.

This semester, like last, Doug is taking three four-hour classes and has a teaching assistantship of 20 hours weekly. Doug finds the three courses (analytic chemistry, inorganic chemistry and physical chemistry) very difficult, requiring a lot of work. His teaching assistantship calls for some class lecturing and some lab supervising.

Doug's program will conclude with two years in a federally funded research fellowship. Last February he selected a field of study that interested him and has had that topic confirmed by three professors.

Doug will work in close connection with his chief advisor. (He will also have two secondary advisors.) He will

do much of the research work his chief advisor is pursuing. In this way he will have the information to write his thesis and his advisor will use the same information to publish research proposals.

Presently Doug is considering two possibilities for his research fellowship. The first, organic mass spectrometry, deals with the use of a beam of electrons to determine the structure of an unknown molecule. His other possible field of research, ion microprobe, also uses a beam of electrons and is used to determine the chemical composition of microscopic samples.

After Doug finishes his postgraduate work, he plans to enter industry. There he hopes to conduct research in developing new technology.

After a period of industrial experience Doug hopes to teach. When asked if he cared to return to Grace, he responded: "Sure, I would not mind coming back to Grace." He further commented that he doesn't favor the idea of teaching in a large school.

Three people playing an important role in the operation of Grace Manufacturing are Bob Hoepfner (at left), vice president and general manager; Mark Randall, manufacturing manager; and Ruth Frame, office manager.



by Vance Christie

Grace Manufacturing, Inc., gives every appearance of being a normal, everyday industrial enterprise which, in fact, it is. But the purpose for which it was established makes it unique in the Warsaw (Ind.) area. The firm is located in the Boggs Industrial Park at the west edge of Warsaw.

An Elkhart (Ind.) businessman and his wife, David and Judy Leiter, read an article published in the *Herald* magazine, written by Dr. Herman Hoyt (then president of Grace Schools) and a spark of interest was kindled. Mr. and Mrs. Leiter desired to give a gift to Grace Schools which would grow in value as opposed to an outright donation. Thus developed the idea of founding a corporation which would someday come under the auspices of Grace College and Seminary.

Knowing that the majority of new corporations never reach their eighth birthday, controlling interest in Grace Manufacturing was not donated to Grace Schools until 1974 after the industry was well on its way.

A key figure in Grace Manufacturing is the former Michigan City (Ind.) Business Executive Bob Hoepfner. A husky man with a soft voice and a positive attitude, he had been overseeing the design and production of electronic instruments used in the combustion and process industry for some 15 years when



an advertisement in *Moody Monthly* caught his attention. The ad called for someone to manage a manufacturing plant "definitely based on Christian principles and founded explicitly to assist in Christian work."

Bob and his wife, Nancy, journeyed to Warsaw "just to look" at the prospects. Before returning to Michigan City, however, they purchased a home, and later agreed to manage the company.

In August of 1969 the Hoepfners were working to get the manufacturing firm off the ground. They faced several major drawbacks, namely: no machinery, no product orders and no employees!

"We used to go out and get an order for one product at a time. Then we'd bring our wives in (there was one other male employee at the time) and work at manufacturing it until we had the order ready for shipment," Hoepfner said. The company's first large order was delivered by hitching a loaded U-Haul trailer to a Firebird and Bob's driving it to the purchaser.

Today, a look at Grace Manufacturing presents quite a different picture. Its initial manufacturing facility has been doubled in size and in its 10 years of existence it has employed over 200 men and women from the community and Grace Schools. While the company is running at a lower level now because of the slower winter months, at times it employs three full shifts. Recently, two new pieces of highly efficient machinery have been added, thus increasing production. A micro-processor has been installed to care for the firm's inventory, monthly operations reports, balance sheets, and so forth.

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., as president of Grace Schools, is also president of Grace Manufacturing. Hoepfner serves as the company's vice president and general manager. The quiet executive-manager enjoys his work thoroughly. Confident he is serving where God would have him to be, he labors at a multitude

of widely varied tasks.

Bob believes in, and constantly strives to improve, Grace Manufacturing's customer service, product quality and production efficiency. He comments, "We're always churning away on some new product in order to maximize the potential that we possess within the company."

Hoepfner explains the firm's philosophy in choosing a new product line: "We choose items which 'fit' us. They fit our production and marketing abilities."

The bulk of Grace Manufacturing's production involves hardware items for residential housing and for the mobile home and R.V. industry. In all, the firm puts out over a score of products and services including a number of fabricated metal items.

Hoepfner is quick to point out that a number of people in the organization play very important roles in the operation of Grace Manufacturing. Mark Randall, a 1977 graduate of Grace College, serves as manufacturing manager, with total responsibility for all aspects of the firm's production area. "He is a real asset to the business and contributes much to our success," Hoepfner said. Ruth Frame joined the firm in

1970 as office manager. She capably handles countless office details, and is also responsible for order entry, accounts receivable and payable, profit and loss data, and for all reports. "She has tremendous corporate loyalty and is an integral part of the corporation," he said.

Grace Manufacturing gets no tax advantages because of its connection with a nonprofit institution. "We pay the same percentage of taxes as any other profit-making corporation."

The Christ-centeredness of Grace Manufacturing becomes apparent the minute one steps through the front door. Gospel plaques and paintings are strategically placed on the walls and a tract rack can't be missed as one exits from the building.

One might wonder how the company affects Grace Schools. The main way, of course, is that it contributes some small help toward meeting the cost of running the institution. It is also willing to accept non-standard work schedules. This attracts Grace students, who translate their earnings into payments for school tuition, dormitory expenses and other school supplies.

Grace News Notes

Dean Walter Speaker for 1980 Baccalaureate

Dean Walter, retired head of the Analytical Chemistry Branch of the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., will be the speaker for the 1980 baccalaureate service of Grace Schools. The service is scheduled at 8 p.m., Thursday, May 15, in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Mr. Walter, a member of the pastoral staff at the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington located in Temple Hills, Maryland, has written various scientific papers and has contributed three chapters in standard reference texts. He has also written for church publications and for 10 years wrote and conducted "Beside the Still Waters," a weekly broadcast from an Altoona, Pennsylvania, radio station.

Commencement exercises for the 1980 graduating classes from the college and seminary will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 16, also in the Tabernacle. Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., president of Grace Schools, will preside at both events.

High Scholastic Achievement in Athletics

A milestone of accomplishment was reached for the Grace College basketball team with the grade point average for the entire varsity team being above a "B" (3.0) for the fall semester, according to figures released by Coach Jim Kessler. Leading the parade of scholar-athletes was junior Dave Henthorn of Indianapolis, Indiana, with a 3.771 average, followed closely by another junior Jeff Kowatch of LaVile High School (LaVile, Ind.) with a 3.628 average.

Coach Kessler, in announcing the results, said he was extremely proud of the academic achievement of the entire team. "We believe in the concept of the scholar-athlete and want our men to work just as hard in the classroom as they do on the hardwood court. Considering the amount of travel and time involved in basketball, to achieve a grade point average of above a 'B' is almost unheard of in sports on the collegiate level."

While being the youngest team in Lancer history, the roundballers have gone through a rebuilding year and are already looking forward to next year. With a grade point average above a "B" they are also building for achievement off the floor for many years to come.

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Sound easy? It really is ... so take advantage in 1980. Last year over 700 companies contributed \$17,000,000 to 1,300 colleges, universities, and independent schools through the Matching Gifts Program.

For further information and a list of those companies that participate in this Matching Gifts Program, contact Richard G. Messner, Director of Development, Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



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NOW

current news items of help and interest to you as Brethren

On February 1 the Missionary Herald toll-free WATS line was opened, and the first call on the new service was Mike Wagner from Sunnyside, Washington. We sent him a New Ryrie Study Bible as a gift to mark the "happy event." The telephone company was about three weeks late in getting the line in working order. For all of you who tried and failed to reach us, please try again. The number is 1-800-348-2756.

Things have been stirred up because of the talk of a draft, or at least a registration for the draft. Do you know that the United States has more women in the armed services than any other nation in the world? In fact, there are 130,000 of them.

Looking for work in beautiful Winona Lake, Indiana? GBC Christian Education has two employment openings. A full-time secretary is needed; working Tuesday through Friday from 12-8 p.m., and 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday. The job involves general secretarial work, typing with a word processing machine, and filing. This is a possible long-term opportunity. Also needed is a full-time printing and shipping clerk. Working hours will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. This job involves printing with a small offset press, operating various office machines, and oversight of mailing and shipping orders. Good organizational abilities and efficiency are important. Write GBC Christian Education, P.O. Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, or phone 219/267-6622, for more information.

HAROLD II has begun its function in the finance office of the Herald Co. and will provide a much better level of help and efficiency in this area of operation. Information will be available to us at a much earlier date than before.

To prove the idea that just because it is old it is not valuable is not true, the sale of McGuffey's Readers is going very well. About a year and a half ago, the Herald Co. put on sale the seven volume set. They have sold very well since then. In fact, just in the last two days we have sold four complete sets through the mail. Grandparents or parents who are looking for a special gift are the buyers. Maybe you would like a set. They are \$25. You can pick up the phone and dial 1-800-348-2756 and a set will be on its way to you. If you send a check for \$25 we will pay the postage. McGuffey's Readers make great gifts.

Have you made your plans yet for national conference? If not, now is a good time to line up the vacation schedule and plan for a week of fellowship and spiritual blessings. The program begins Saturday evening, July 26. Be present for the musical with Paul Schumacher; it will be a good start for the whole week.

The Grace College basketball team finished up its regular playing season Saturday evening, February 23. Dropping a seven point decision to Marion College, the youngest team in Lancer history ended 13-19 for the year. The highpoint of the season was the Lancer's victory over Tri-State. This was their first win over Tri-State in seven years. During this rebuilding season the grade point average for the entire varsity team was above 3.0 ("B") for the fall semester (see story on page 37 of this issue). Congratulations to Coach Jim Kessler and the team for these accomplishments.



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Only Winners Laugh



by Charles W. Turner
Editor

By this time everyone in America has probably seen the new McDonald's commercial on television. If you have not, it goes something like this: a lady opens up her ticket and begins to laugh; she has discovered she has won a prize in the "\$1,000,000 Menu Mania" contest. She is joined in laughter by a gentleman who apparently has also won a prize. So goes the commercial as it is beamed to both young and old across this fair land. It is like a breath of fresh air, compared to all the political promises I have been hearing, and much more believable. Now for the reality of how it all works.

My wife, June, told me on a Friday evening that she was going to a prayer breakfast the next morning, but offered to get breakfast for me. I assured her all was well; to just go ahead and I would provide for myself. I did so by heading for McDonalds for breakfast. To my surprise there was a crowd by 9:00 a.m., so I got in line. After I got an "Egg McMuffin" there was one table left and it was opposite a young couple with two small preschool children. Father was pouring the syrup and applying the butter on all of the pancake

meals. The sun had come up too early for Mother and she sat with a slight smile, but in an obviously numb state. She opened the coupon for the "\$1,000,000 Menu Mania" contest and her expression did not change—no laughter like seen on the commercial. Finally one of the young children asked the question, "Mother, why are you not laughing?" Her answer must rank along with the great statements of Plato and Socrates, when she said without a change of expression, "Only winners laugh."

She was not a winner; not at least by the rules of this contest. She did, however, express a current philosophy of thinking that only the winners can laugh. Cheerleaders cry when their team loses, and even those millionaire professional athletes find a tear when the "big one" gets away. In life there is not a large number of winners. In fact, second and third place winners in a race often receive a consolation prize.

In the spiritual realm it is, and should be, different. In fact, all Christians should be winners. After all, to be saved from sin and to be a child of God certainly makes one a real winner. The losers are those who have neglected Christ and are bound for an eternity without Him. Yet, we should, as Christians, strive to attain and to do the very best

with the help of the Holy Spirit and Christ, to bring honor and praise to His name.

The joy of the Lord and an eternal outlook makes you a winner if Christ is your Saviour and the Lord of your life. In a world filled with heartaches and disappointments, it is only the Christian that can smile and even laugh with some measure of joy. We need a great deal of Christian optimism to be part of our lives. Certainly there is a growing gloom on the economical and political areas of this old world these days. But for those who believe the Bible there is a much brighter day on the horizon. Yes, only the winners laugh when the end comes, and the losers will weep and gnash their teeth.

There is a little sequel to the story. Several days later I was on the road and I stopped at, yes, you guessed it, McDonalds. I ate my pancakes and sausage, opened up my "\$1,000,000 Menu Mania" contest card, smiled, and then laughed a little. People looked at me as if something was wrong. Nothing really was wrong. You see, only winners laugh, and I was an instant winner! I did not win a \$50,000 prize, but I won a medium-sized Coke. But, winners do laugh, even though others do not always join in on the happy experience.

reported in the herald

35 Years Ago—1945

The Fosters arrived safely after a four-week trip by boat from South Africa. It was a pleasant trip except for several U-Boat warnings. . . . The Brethren Home Missions Council reports a record offering of \$66,712.95.

15 Years Ago—1965

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., gave a "Bon Voyage" party to Pastor Ralph Colburn as well as a \$500 check to help with his expenses to the Holy Land. . . . The Grace Brethren Church of Lancaster, Pa., sent forth a new branch work at Elizabethtown. . . . R. I. Humbert, outstanding minister and chart speaker, went to be with the Lord. . . . National youth conference will be held at Biola College—total cost \$35.00.

5 Years Ago—1975

"The Spokesmen," a group from Grace College, will tour this summer, and Bill Crabbs will be the leader. . . . Ground breaking has taken place for the new church in Mt. Laurel, N. J. Robert Spicer, pastor. . . . Ed Miller was named to NCCAA All-American team, for his outstanding basketball performance at Grace College.

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Dear Editor,

The March *Herald* was another excellent issue. The "Road to Emmaus" cover was just beautiful, and would look good in a frame! And if you bought that picture in a store, think what you would have to pay for it!—*Ohio*



Greg Light, Steve Beha, George Horner, John George, Chris Yacy, Roger Thomas, with Pastor Bob Markley at the pulpit.

COOLVILLE

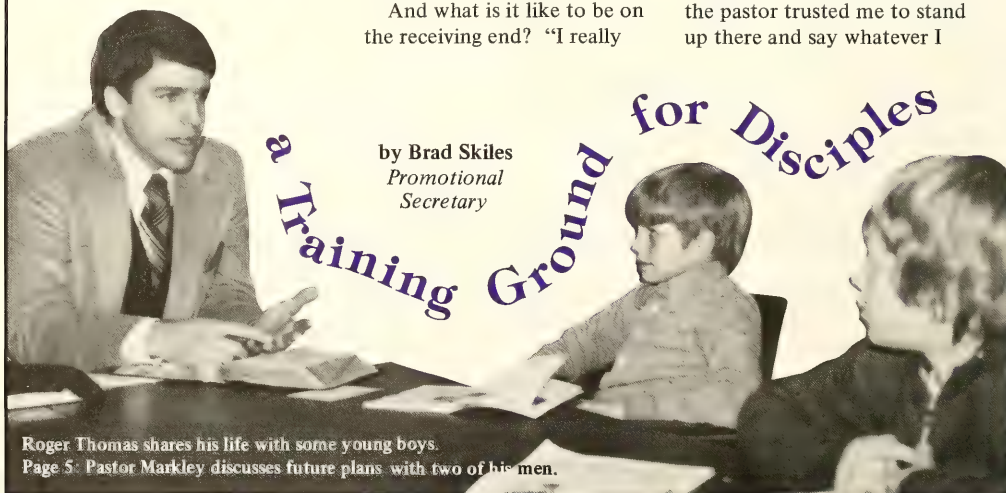
Pastor Bob Markley of Coolville, Ohio, seems to have taken Matthew 28:19 seriously. You can't chat with Pastor Bob for very long before he starts talking about George, Roger, Steve, John, Greg, and Chris. Bob Markley is pouring his life into these men.

Dwight L. Moody once said that he would rather train 10 people, than to do the work of 10 people. Bob Markley seems to maintain that same

philosophy. Whether it is preaching, counseling, visiting, organizing or any other task of the ministry, Pastor Markley demonstrates a willingness to share his responsibilities with his disciples. "It is not always easy to turn things over," says Bob, "but as I have worked closely with these men, I have come to trust them. I know their current levels of capability and I know that within those levels they will carry out the responsibility that I give them."

And what is it like to be on the receiving end? "I really

couldn't visualize it," recalls George Horner, a longtime disciple of Bob's. "Before our pastor came here in 1976, I had thought that someday I would like to preach one sermon. Prior to Bob's arrival, I never had the opportunity of doing that. When Pastor Bob one night left the service in my hands, I couldn't believe it. I had a hard time trusting people to substitute teach in my Sunday school class; I was afraid they would say something I didn't like. So, when the pastor trusted me to stand up there and say whatever I



Roger Thomas shares his life with some young boys.
Page 5: Pastor Markley discusses future plans with two of his men.

wanted, I was shocked. But he trusted me to do it, and I really appreciate him for that."

Since George's first sermon, he has had numerous occasions to preach. Out of the six men that Bob Markley is training, three have already developed confidence in preaching in one of the three services of the church.

In addition to the trusting relationship that enables such a free interchange of responsibilities, Markley's men also point to a transparency of life style. "It has helped me to see that the pastor is human—that he has problems, too," states John George. "When I see the willingness in which he shares his life with others, that challenges me to do the same. It tells me that I need to let down the fronts and share a part of my life with others."

"It's Pastor Bob's transparency that motivates me in areas of spiritual growth," says Roger Thomas, another Markley disciple. "As I see the Word living in his life, that challenges me to apply it to mine. If he tells me I need to be evangelizing, I'm only

motivated as I see him practicing that priority in his life. Taking it a step further, if he shares with me that evangelism is sometimes scary or something in which he has to discipline himself, then that helps me to face my struggles and motivates me to discipline myself."

Time is another element that makes Bob Markley a successful disciple maker. Spending the necessary time with individuals to share one's life with others, to impart to them your best, seems to be Pastor Markley's objective. Bob says, "Time is love. People you spend time with are people you love. I love the people of my church; I love the men of my church. It's easy for me to spend time with them."

Although Pastor Markley spends time with all his church members, his six disciples have become his priority. "Some people may think that's segregating my people," states Bob, "but it's not. The objective of living is not to see how many babies we can raise. We raise what we believe we can effectively train, educate and support. That's where

my heart is. I can only pour my life into individuals, not masses. As I train these men, we may, as a team, be able to reach masses, but it has to start with my commitment to train these men to be the leaders

God desires them to be."

A visit to Coolville reveals the benefits from this approach. Not only do we notice three to four men, in addition to the pastor, taking part in the services, but we also find out that it isn't always the pastor who organized the service, or made house calls that week, or confronted a spiritual problem in the body, or even determined goals for the new year. Through a beautiful system of delegation, Bob Markley has been able to involve these men in all phases of the church ministry. So extensive is his training process that Pastor Markley says, "If the Lord would take me home tomorrow, this church would continue to function and grow."

One of the most amazing things about this training ground for disciples is the intensity in which they are made. As one talks with Pastor Markley, it isn't long before you realize he is serious about the stability of the church in his absence. He talks about who would lead the church if God decided Bob should go home. He talks about church planting and names the young men he is now training who could pastor those churches. So imparted is his vision in the hearts of his men, that Markley's disciples talk in these same future terms.

Truly Coolville has become a model for disciple making. The command to "Go therefore and make disciples . . ." seems to have been taken literally by these Brethren.



Why More Churches?

by Dr. Lester E. Pifer
Executive Secretary

(Statistics based on articles from U.S. News & World Report and Church Growth America.)

We closed the decade of the '70s with more than 300,000 churches in America. Yet, 80 million people in the U.S. do not claim to have an allegiance to any Christian group. Another 60 million Americans that are affiliated with Christian churches are non-resident or inactive, thus, at least 140 million Americans compose our mission field.

POPULATION TRENDS

By 1990, the U.S. estimated population will be 243 million. By the end of the '80s, 1 out of every 8 Americans will be 65 or older, an estimated 30 million.

The number of high-school age people will drop. The elementary age bracket will increase.

Married couples, who made up 70 percent of households a decade ago, will comprise only 53 percent in 1990. One in every three persons will live alone or with a non-relative, compared with 1 in 5 in 1970.

One of the fastest-growing groups of the 1970s, young adults age 18 to 24, will shrink in the '80s by 15 percent, down to a total of 25 million.

The average size of the American household will continue to decrease: 3.3 people in 1960, 2.7 in 1980, and 2.5 in 1990.

RACIAL SHIFTS

Blacks will increase both in numbers and as a proportion of the population during the next decade. They now total about 26 million or 11.8 percent, by the end of the '80s they will number 30 million or 12.2 percent.

The Hispanic population is growing so rapidly that no accurate tabulation is available until the present census is concluded. Because many are not registered and are illegally entering our country, it will be difficult to arrive at a fair estimate of their growth.

Asians and other racial minorities are expected to increase even faster, but from a relatively small base: up from 1.3 percent of the population in 1970 to 2.7 percent by 1990.

Whites will increase in number from just over 190 million now to 207 million at the end of the '80s. As a share of the population, whites will decline from 86.2 percent now to 85.1 percent.

In the light of these trends the Brethren Home Missions Council will step up its effort to effectively reach these racial groups. Special effort is now being made to build more churches among the Navajos. We have just moved to adopt the new Spanish church at Lakewood, California. The board approved an action to support a Black intern pastor at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where there is a need to reach an increasing population of Blacks in the community. At our Home Mission workshops this year, strong emphasis was placed upon the necessity to seek out and train new potentials for the Brethren eldership. We hope to see every home mission church training at least one new man for future ministry.

A NATION ON THE MOVE

In the big metropolitan areas, people will continue to move away from the central cities to the suburbs, leaving just 22.9 percent of Americans living inside the cities, down from 27 percent today. The suburbs will continue to expand as centralized business and shopping moves to outlying areas.

The Sun Belt will continue to increase with vast numbers moving from North and East to the South and West. Biggest gainers from this shift will be California, Florida, and Texas, which will each add at least 2.5 million people if present trends continue.

Top 10 fastest growing states in the '80s:

Arizona	41.7% increase	1,000,000*
Nevada	38.9% increase	280,000
Florida	34.7% increase	3,100,000
Wyoming	30.4% increase	140,000
Idaho	28.3% increase	260,000
Utah	26.8% increase	370,000
Colorado	26.4% increase	730,000
New Mexico	23.0% increase	290,000
Oregon	20.6% increase	520,000
Hawaii	20.2% increase	200,000
New Hampshire	20.2% increase	200,000

*est. new residents

Top 5 growing states in total numbers of people:

Florida	3.07 million	34.7% increase
California	3.05 million	13.3% increase
Texas	2.7 million	19.8% increase
Arizona	1 million	41.7% increase
Virginia	850,000	15.9% increase

The Brethren Home Missions Council is concentrating upon the Sun Belt. We have moved into Georgia, the Carolinas and Texas. More churches are planned in Southern and Northern California along with a greater effort in Texas. Florida is ripe for

harvesting with five new Brethren Bible classes starting in growing areas. We must concentrate on other southern states where there are no Brethren churches. New people in a community really afford us with the best opportunity to build Bible-believing churches.

APOSTASY IS ON THE INCREASE

The Apostle Paul warned that in the last days, there would be a "falling away" from the truth. In 2 Timothy 3 he points to the apostasy, and its effect upon man and his integrity; the family and human relationships; the breakdown of the moral standards; and the drastic falling away from Christ, the Church, and the truth. Doctrinally, many of the current old line denominations are in a state of confusion.

Our Grace Brethren Fellowship needs to rejoice continually that we are united on our Statement of Faith. Our doctrinal beliefs are based squarely upon the Word. Our new churches at home and abroad are being built upon the Bible-teaching ministry. Our stand upon the Second Coming of Christ alone is attracting many Christians which desire to fellowship with believers who expect *His coming* soon.

SIN AND CRIME ON INCREASE

The FBI released facts this year that revealed that there was a violent crime every 30 seconds, a property crime every 3 seconds, one murder every 27 minutes, a forcible rape every 8 minutes, a robbery every 76 seconds, an aggravated assault every 57 seconds, a burglary every 10 seconds and a motor vehicle theft every 32 seconds.

Corruption in political realms continues to increase at alarming rates. Our newspapers and magazines inform us of the breakdown of morality and the increase of hatred in our nation. As our former president, Gerald Ford, recently said, "Our nation is in very serious trouble." We do live in a land of distress, distrust and discouragement. Never have we had a better hour to build churches with a message of hope, salvation and joy! Never has there been a day when people's hearts are better prepared to hear our witness of Christ's work in saving the lost soul.

Jesus said, "I will build my church..." (Matt. 16:18). The Word is clear on His purpose. It is also evident that He desires to use us to build His church. To reach America, yes! To reach the lost, yes! To rightly divide His Word, yes! To extend the Gospel to all the people of the world, yes! This is His purpose, His plan to disciple all the nations of the world through local churches. This is the bottom line in our Bountiful Harvest Program to see 52 Grace Brethren churches come into existence by 1985. As God directs, we hope to see many new communities reached for Christ through our Grace Brethren Fellowship. Through your active support, in prayer, financial giving and personal involvement, 52 new churches by 1984 will be possible!

BHMC Executive Secretary Honored



The Board of Directors, in their 1979 fall meeting, approved a three-week all-expense paid trip outside of the USA for Dr. and Mrs. Lester E. Pifer. Dr. Pifer served as assistant secretary for 12 years and executive secretary for 13 years at the end of 1978. The Pifers chose to take the Bible Land Tour, March 18 through April 4, 1980.

The tour director for the trip was Dr. Paul R. Bauman who served on the BHMC board for more than 25 years and served as the board president for most of those years. It was the first such experience for Mrs. Pifer and the second for Dr. Pifer.

The twenty-fifth anniversary gift for Dr. Pifer was slightly belated as he has now served over 26 years. The Board of Directors are to be commended for their thoughtfulness in providing this well-deserved trip for the faithful service of Dr. Pifer.

by Larry Chamberlain

A Balanced National Budget

At the time of this writing, President Carter has just announced his anti-inflation strategy of balancing the federal budget. (As I recall, he promised to start that program in 1976.) Well, with all the national attention on the political jugglings of balancing the federal budget, trimming a billion here and a billion there, a thousand jobs here and a thousand jobs there, the Brethren Home Missions Council is pleased to report a balanced "national" budget for the prior year of 1979 and, with your help, a balanced budget for 1980.

In 1979 we budgeted our expenses at \$906,500. We carefully operated within a 1.2 percent margin of that budget with income exceeding expenses by \$5,900. All of our needs were met and we were in a good financial position to face the challenges of 1980! At our board meetings in March of this year, we adopted a 1980 budget amounting to \$965,000, an increase of \$58,500 over last year. Over 45 churches will be supported during 1980, with the possibilities of reaching into Canada. Depending on an increase in regular offerings from last year of 13.2 percent, we are optimistic that our 1980 budget needs will be met.

The Brethren Home Missions Council acquired many new friends as a result of our Bountiful Harvest church-planting project, and we will be reporting some exciting new church-planting adventures in the coming months. Join us again this year in our vision of reaching our country for Christ. Pray for our missionary pastors—pioneers in the highest sense. Support us by designating a portion of your church offering, "Brethren Home Missions." Help us "balance our national budget" for 1980!

***SPECIAL NOTE:** At least 10 churches are slated to become self-supporting this year. When this happens, it opens up doors of opportunity for new churches in new cities, reaching more and more people with the gospel message!*

The Brethren
Home Missions Council
1979 Church Offerings

The Top 25 Churches

Long Beach, Calif. (Grace) .	\$35,583.68
Columbus, Ohio (Grace) . .	33,749.60
Long Beach, Calif. (North) .	26,840.25
Winona Lake, Ind.	19,794.07
Myerstown, Pa.	18,064.23
Sunnyside, Wash.	17,283.45
Winchester, Va.	13,873.98
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace) . .	13,074.90
Wooster, Ohio	12,516.31
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	12,378.00
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First) . . .	11,581.55
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	11,317.72
Uniontown, Pa.	10,776.85
Homerville, Ohio	10,698.87
Philadelphia, Pa. (First) . . .	10,286.25
Bellflower, Calif.	9,832.30
Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	9,747.00
Berne, Ind.	9,637.01
Waterloo, Iowa	9,368.10
Beaumont, Calif.	9,192.67
Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	8,805.82
New Holland, Pa.	8,588.46
Telford, Pa.	8,018.10
Martinsburg, Pa.	7,409.50
Lititz, Pa.	7,274.79

Pastor Buck Summers interviews his intern, Wes Heckman, during a morning service.



On-the-Job Training at Chambersburg

Pastor Buck Summers at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, is proving that a church doesn't have to have a large budget and lots of programs to attract an intern. Good old experience, even if it means without pay, is the offer the Chambersburg Grace Brethren Church makes to young men.

"Certainly it would be ideal if we could offer an intern a part- or full-time paid ministry here in the church," says Pastor Summers, "but we're not going to limit our discipleship efforts because of budget ceilings. We can offer young men experience in the hard-core basics of establishing a new church. And if that's where their heart is—finding practical training in church planting—then finances will be secondary."

Committed to reproducing his life in the lives of other men, Buck Summers is currently training Wes Heckman, a 1975 graduate from Messiah College. "Wes is our intern," states Buck. "He believes God is directing him to foreign missions and it is exciting for our church to take an active role in preparing him for God's ministry. Wes is an elder in our church and is responsible for our Christian Education and Missions Commissions. He has taught in our Sunday School of the Bible, our Institute of Christian Studies, and has helped in visitation. He has been able to preach in our evening service and by the time he leaves for Grace Seminary this coming fall, he will not only be experienced in preaching, but we will have trained him in every phase of the ministry—from administration to counseling."

Although this home mission church is able to reap growth benefits from a resident intern, the motivation for developing intern positions lies deep within the pastor's personal philosophy of ministry. "I have a real burden to see young men trained and encouraged in the ministry that God has called them to. I want to become a 'Paul' in the lives of many young Timothys."

Also ingrained in his ministry is a shepherd attitude that involves the complete individual. "I want our church to minister to the varying needs of brothers and sisters in Christ. I want to see people growing mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually from Luke 2:52," says Buck.

Demonstrating this total ministry approach, Pastor Summers and his wife, Barb, have been teaching two "personal life development classes." Taught during the Sunday school hour, Buck leads the men of the church in the study of "Learning to be a Man," and Barb teaches the adult women's Sunday school class "Learning to be a Woman." Through these classes, as well as a strong pulpit ministry, the Chambersburg Brethren communicate ministry priorities to Christian homes with husbands being the spiritual leaders. Showing Dr. Dobson's film series "Focus on the Family," on Sunday evenings beginning Mother's Day and continuing through Father's Day, is another representation of this church's ministry concerns.

The Brethren Home Missions Council rejoices in the growth of this home mission church, which has now surpassed the 100 mark in attendance, and praises their ingenuity in ministering to the total needs of believers!

Pray that:

1. New contacts would be made through the film series "Focus on the Family."
2. Church members might positively demonstrate to their friends an "aliveness" in their daily Christian walk.
3. The church body might be sensitive to needs as they minister to one another.

(Editor's Note: "Building God's Church in the Maumee Valley" is part of a continuing series on church planting apart from the Brethren Home Missions Council. The Council rejoices in the growth of this new church and praises the Northcentral Ohio District for their vision in helping to establish this gospel outpost in the Maumee Valley.)



Building God's Church in the Maumee Valley

by Pastor Jeff Carroll

What did Jesus mean when He promised, "I will build my church . . ."? What's a church anyway? How did Peter feel when 3,000 people streamed forward in response to his challenge to follow the Saviour? The faithful people of Maumee Valley Grace Brethren Church in Toledo, Ohio, are experiencing, in some degree, the answers to these questions. It is truly exciting to see how God works.

But where did it all begin? Great works of God are not established overnight, and Maumee Valley Grace is no exception to that rule of church growth. The first Bible study group began meeting in October of 1977, with Pastor David Goodman, of the Bowling Green (Ohio) Grace Brethren Church, leading the study. During those

early months, the attendance varied from five to fourteen adults with childcare provided infrequently. Upon Pastor Goodman's move to Anaheim, California, Pastor Dick Hopkins of Calvary Grace Brethren Church, near Toledo, began to lead the group. During this time, the adult attendance grew to between 20 and 30 each week with several professions of faith and commitments to the establishment of a new Grace Brethren Church on the west side of Toledo.

Meanwhile, Jeff and Pam Carroll were completing their final year at Grace Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana. Pam had met Jeff at the Worthington (Ohio) Grace Brethren Church where Jeff, not yet a Christian, told Pam, "I don't understand this Grace Brethren religion." Shortly thereafter, Jeff received Christ at a Nathan Meyer evangelistic

meeting. Later Pam and Jeff were married in June of 1976, right before the couple left for seminary. Pastor Jeff, in recalling those formative years at Worthington, says: "I was challenged almost daily by Pastors Jim Custer and John Willett to present myself for full-time ministry. When Pastor David Hocking returned to the church for a one-week visit, I knew with certainty that God was calling me to the ministry and I surrendered my will to His."

On March 18, 1979, man's desire and God's will came together as Bob and Cathy Gillespie and Doug and Mary Davisson went to hear Pastor Jeff preach in a little church in Milford, Indiana. It was there that they informed Jeff and Pam of the tremendous need of Toledo—a city of over 600,000 people with no Grace Brethren Church! After

much soul-searching and prayer, Jeff and Pam decided to commit their lives to reach people in the Maumee Valley.

Pastor Jeff and Pam, and their little girl, Carri, arrived in Toledo on August 9, 1979, and set a target of September 9, 1979, as the date of the first service of the Maumee Valley Grace Brethren Church. After checking more than 80 locations for public services, the group finally found a place for its first service. The Lord blessed that first service with 83 people present and an offering of \$1,215.79! The group set as its goal to average 50 people in attendance by December 31, 1979, and the Lord blessed them with an average of 50.4. Almost forgotten, is the church's at-

taining self-supporting status in less than two months under Northcentral Ohio District Missions.

THE FUTURE

The group can sum up their ministry in two vision-packed words: "Great Expectations!" The temporary governing board of the church has set as their goal, "180 by the end of 1980." With that goal in mind, it is reported that Pastor Jeff was quite relieved when the group chose Philippians 4:13 as their year verse at a recent congregational business meeting.

Growing at the same rate as evangelism is an increasing stress on one-on-one discipleship. "A person *cannot* mature without it!" says Pastor Jeff very adamantly. With

that goal in mind, Pastor Jeff has been training a group of very dedicated men: Bob Gillespie, Mike Henry, Doug Davisson, George Kinzie, Doug Bowman, Rick Fowler, David Lee, and Bob Nowak who have met each Saturday morning from 7 to 9 a.m. since Pastor Jeff arrived. These men have great vision. Their desire is to evangelize Toledo, Ohio, where only 5,000 out of the 600,000 residents of the city attend Bible-believing churches. But they will not stop there. They have the desire to raise up other pastors and to plant other churches up and down the 121-mile Maumee River Valley. In short, they desire to evangelize the world.

May the Lord grant these desires as they occupy until He comes!

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Our mission dental school at Boguila.



Diary of a Dental Safari



by Dr. David S. Daugherty

A dozen faces crowded around the screened window—each gently nudging for a better view. Inside the shrill sound of a dental drill pierced the otherwise quiet African afternoon air.

Daniel was having a filling placed in one of his back teeth, and his friends had all come to watch the mysterious procedure. More than likely one of them would be back tomorrow to have a cleaning or some fillings. After all, Daniel

seemed to survive all right, and that shiny silver filling inside his tooth was quite a conversation piece with friends.

Such experiences were duplicated many times during my trip to the Central African Republic. My wife, Karen, and I spent a month giving dental care to missionaries and nationals at the Boguila Medical Station. Over 150 patients were cared for during this time. I was able to provide many dental services such as cleaning teeth, taking dental X-rays, placing fillings, removing hopelessly infected teeth, and making some simple replacements for missing teeth.

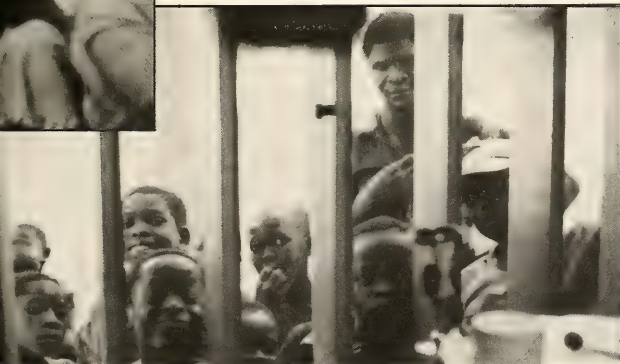
Friendships quickly form when you are able to replace a missing front tooth for a young person, or when you are able to remove an infected tooth that has been causing pain for months. Such friendship bridges can be used of God as a springboard for evangelism and spiritual growth in the lives of these Africans.

You might wonder how it was possible to transport a dental office to this remote part of the world. I certainly did! However, God had already taken care of this challenge.

Sixteen years ago, Dr. Austin Robbins, a former Brethren missionary, built a mission dental school at Boguila. This spacious building sits across the road from the main hospital. It contains a private office, two treatment rooms, a lab, classroom, and clinic area with four student treatment bays. What a surprise to find this lovely set-up ready to be put into use. All the equipment originally installed for this school was available for my use. After dusting away some cobwebs, I was ready to go to work.

God blessed us with a very busy schedule and the good health that such an exhausting endeavor demands. My wife patiently assisted me along with missionary Jean Austin who served as our translator. I quickly learned the following Sango dental vocabulary: *asso* = pain, *pembe* = tooth, and *tuku* = spit.

The vision for such a trip grew out of conversations I had with FMS Board member Dr. Peter Peponis and Brethren Foreign Missions. An invitation from the National Church in the C.A.R. further encouraged me. Our home church in Worthington, Ohio, along with family and friends



provided the funds to meet our travel expenses. Before I knew it, God had miraculously provided all that we needed for this trip and taught us many valuable spiritual lessons along the way.

The Foreign Mission Board and the African Medical Council are very anxious to reopen this dental training program. Today the doors of the school are closed because no dental personnel (dentists, hygienists, technicians) have caught a vision for this exciting ministry. Lord willing, Karen and I would love to return some day soon and help in reopening this program.

Just think of this tremendous challenge for a minute: national Christians who are well-trained dentists and disciplined in their Christian walk using their vocation as an opportunity to share the good news. Some would become leaders in their local churches and perhaps a few might accept the challenge of becoming missionaries to other lands. Presently there is no dental training program anywhere in the C.A.R. How exciting it would be to have such a program with Christ at its center raising up young men and women equipped for His service!

Toward the end of my stay an elderly pastor, named Jean, came to see me as a patient. After some informal chatting, Jean explained that he had lost several front teeth and re-

quested I make some replacement teeth.

When I gave him his new teeth, Jean's eyes slowly filled with tears. They were tears of joy. He told me now he could return to the pulpit to preach. No longer would he be hampered by an embarrassing smile. No more would the kids tease him about his speech. No more insecurity in boldly sharing his faith. Now he was free to preach again. What a rewarding opportunity to help an aging pastor return to his church renewed and ready to serve.

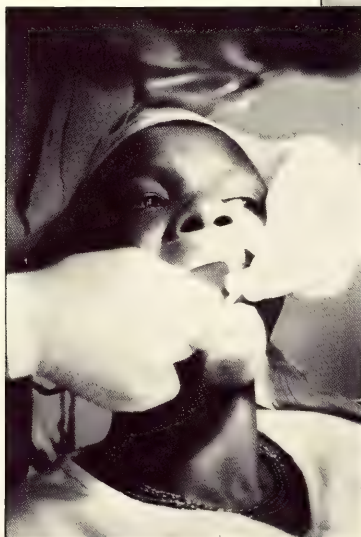
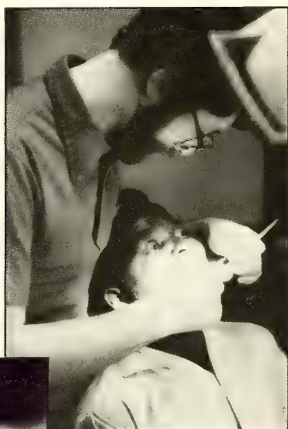
What other pastors or national Christians need such help? What unsaved Africans might be reached through an effective dental evangelism ministry? Only God knows, but maybe His answer lies in our hands.

Perhaps you or a friend of yours would be interested in knowing more about this opportunity. If so, please contact either me:

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**Dr. Daugherty
works on
a patient.**

Top 30

in Brethren Foreign Missions Giving

Top 30 Churches in Giving in 1979

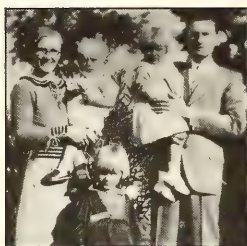
1. Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Worthington, Ohio	\$56,229.71	15. Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa. . . .	15,418.64
2. First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio	54,086.32	16. First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind. . .	14,880.95
3. Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. .	50,118.19	17. West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio	14,529.99
4. North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.	40,793.22	18. First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. . . .	14,338.40
5. Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio . . .	31,682.29	19. Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.	14,117.99
6. Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.	26,644.64	20. Grace Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. .	14,023.00
7. Community Grace Brethren Church of Whittier and La Mirada, Calif.	25,542.70	21. First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio . . .	13,999.39
8. Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa.	19,238.00	22. Grace Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa. . .	13,281.60
9. First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. . . .	19,069.82	23. Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind.	13,256.67
10. Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa. . .	18,470.18	24. Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. .	13,040.27
11. First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio	16,559.52	25. Grace Brethren Church, Winchester, Va. . .	12,875.84
12. La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.	15,961.50	26. Pike Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.	12,360.70
13. Grace Brethren Church of West Kittan- ning, Pa.	15,937.05	27. Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.	12,287.08
14. Bellflower Brethren Church, Bell- flower, Calif.	15,898.79	28. Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	11,474.76
		29. Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.	11,338.54
		30. Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.	11,121.66

Top 30 Churches in Per Capita Giving in 1979

(Based on 1979 membership records)

1. Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa. .	\$93.84	17. Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind.	50.21
2. First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio	87.10	18. Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.	48.71
3. Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.	86.89	19. Community Grace Brethren Church of Whittier and La Mirada, Calif.	47.21
4. Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa.	83.80	20. Grace Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.	46.77
5. West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio .	81.63	21. First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio	46.20
6. First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	77.37	22. Pike Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. . .	44.79
7. Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif.	73.37	23. First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio	41.09
8. La Loma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.	70.01	24. Grace Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. . . .	35.50
9. Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . .	63.05	25. Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Worthington, Ohio	32.88
10. Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.	61.92	26. Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.	31.58
11. First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.	58.86	27. North Long Beach Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.	30.86
12. Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio	58.78	28. Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.	27.53
13. First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.	58.36	29. Bellflower Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif. . .	27.04
14. Grace Brethren Church of West Kittanning, Pa. .	55.34	30. Grace Brethren Church, Winchester, Va.	25.80
15. Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa. . .	52.73		
16. First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.	52.71		

Looking Back and Praising the Lord



Mr. and Mrs.
Ricardo Wagner
several years
after their
marriage.

1931 1932 1933 1934 1935



Clarence Sickle, his wife, Loree, and Johanna Nielsen
enjoy food and fellowship in Argentina.

1931

Miss Mabel Crawford sailed from New York on February 28, going to Paris where she took further preparation as a teacher in our African schools.

The Gospel of John, printed in Karre, arrived on the African field on May 16.

Miss Laura E. Larson left for Argentina early in June.

Louis S. Bauman was elected editor of *The Brethren Missionary*.

Lester W. Kennedy, one of our beloved missionaries to Africa, departed to be with Christ on November 5. He was laid to rest beside James Gribble at Bassai.

1932

On February 13, a disastrous fire occurred at Yaloke, destroying the school building, missionaries' homes, food supplies, and household goods.

Undaunted Hope, the story of the life of James Gribble and a history of our work in French Equatorial Africa, was written by Dr. Florence N. Gribble. One

thousand copies were published and put on sale by the board.

Marc Volongou, our first licensed pastor in Africa, was appointed by the field council as assistant pastor at Yaloke.

Miss Mabel Crawford left Paris accompanying Dr. Gribble and Miss Myers to Africa, arriving on November 24. She immediately opened a school at the Bellevue station.

1933

Due to Mrs. Yett's health and other conditions beyond control of the board, it was deemed inadvisable for the Percy Yetts to return to South America.

Homer A. Kent, Sr., was elected member of the board. (Dr. Kent is currently a faithful member of the board.)

1934

Owing to the severe illness of Miss Edna Patterson, she was sent home from Africa in January, arriving in the States on March 21.

After great suffering, the Lord called Miss Patterson home on May 10.

Miss Laura Larson married Ricardo Wagner, thus automatically canceling her contract with the board.

Clarence L. Sickle was appointed field superintendent of the Argentine work.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis G. Morrill were approved by the general conference as missionaries to Africa.

1935

The Brethren Missionary published its last issue in March 1935. Beginning with April, the magazine was merged with *The Brethren Evangelist*. The first issue each month of that magazine was the Foreign Missionary issue. L. S. Bauman continued as editor of the missionary issue.

The Foreign Missionary Society was incorporated under the laws of the State of California on April 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Morrill sailed from New York on May 25. They



Mr. and Mrs.
Lester Kennedy



Dr. L. S. Bauman
enjoys a cup of
maté while in
Argentina.



would make the opening of a fourth station in Africa possible.

1936

On July 26, Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber left France, arriving in New York in August 22.

1937

Bethany Home, the missionary home in Ashland, Ohio, was completed early in January. This home was the gift of the SMM to the Foreign Missionary Society, who furnished the lot. Two families could live there. It was completely furnished by the WMC. Dr. Gribble and her daughter were the first occupants. Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kliever, becoming approved candidates for Africa, were the first occupants of the other half of the house.

On March 27, Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy sailed from New York for Argentina.

Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber and children left New York for France en route to Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kliever departed for language study in France.

1938

Early this year the Central French School at Bassai and the Central School for missionaries' children at Bassai and Yaloke were opened, as well as the Central Bible School which opened at Bozoum.

The board approved the election of Orville D. Jobson by the African Field Council as field superintendent.

Two new stations were opened in Africa—the Fosters going to Bouca and the Jobsons to Bozoum.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Maconaghy sailed from New York and arrived in Buenos Aires on October 28.

Charles F. Yoder, after 30 years of service as a missionary in Argentina, was retired.

1939

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sichel and their children left South America for the States for their first furlough in 10 years.

1940

The Native Evangelists School opened at Bozoum, French Equatorial Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Williams and Miss Ruth Snyder left for Quebec, Canada, to study French.

The translation of the Book of Acts into the Gbea language was completed at the Bellevue station.

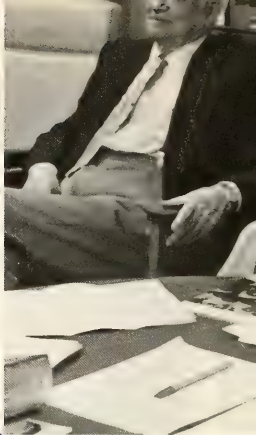
On August 30, the "National Conference of the Brethren Church" (Ashland group) dismissed the Foreign Missionary Society as a cooperating board of that conference.

On August 31, several amendments of the Constitution of the Foreign Missionary Society were made and a revision of the Charter of the Foreign Missionary Society was also made at the FMS Annual Business Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunning sailed for Africa and arrived on March 18.

Late this year, the translation of the New Testament into the Karre language was completed by Miss Estella Myers.

Memo



SUBJECT: Foreign Mission Board Meetings
DATE: February 11-14, 1980
TO: Members and Friends of Brethren Foreign Missions
FROM: The General Director

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Kenneth B. Ashman; Rev. Dean Fetterhoff; Rev. Robert Griffith; Rev. Wesley Haller; Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr.; Mr. Lenard Moen; Dr. Peter N. Peponis; Dr. Bernard Schneider; Mr. Herman Schumacher; Rev. Scott Weaver; and Dr. John C. Whitcomb. Dr. Glenn O'Neal had just undergone major surgery and could not be present.

REPORTS:

1. General Director's Report—world conditions that affect missions, personnel and specific fields review, challenges before the society, goals established, and recommendations.
2. Financial Report—12% increase in giving. This was offset by the dollar devaluation resulting in a deficit of \$32,840. As a result, Brethren Foreign Missions is in an austerity program. Budgets were cut 10%.
3. Special report on Africa by Dr. John Whitcomb—excellent response to meetings held with African pastors (over 400).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DEALING WITH EACH FIELD INDIVIDUALLY

INTERVIEWS WITH MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH AND WITH CANDIDATES

NEW MISSIONARIES: The following were approved for missionary appointee status:

- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Belohlavek—Africa, church development
- Miss Joyce Deacon—Central African Republic, nurse
- Mr. and Mrs. John Ochocki—Central African Republic, business administrator
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sharp—Mexico, church planting

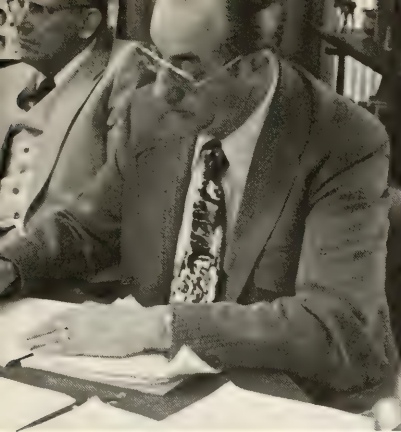
RELIEF AGENCY BRETHREN (RAB): Funds were distributed as follows:

- \$3,500 for Cambodian relief
- \$3,500 to be dispersed through M.A.P. (Medical Assistance Program)

With over two-thirds of the world population still unreached, we dare not be complacent about our foreign mission program. A goodly portion of missionary personnel must be penetrating that barrier that separates faith from non-faith (Rom. 10:13-15).

The year 1980 celebrates the eightieth anniversary for Brethren Foreign Missions. God is blessing on all fields where Brethren missionaries are laboring. This decade is indeed dangerous—but for the Christian it presents an opportunity to obey the Great Commission.

As Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette once remarked: "The missionary impulse will not let those who feel it rest content until the Christian message is presented to all men."



DATE: July 26-August 2, 1980

LOCATION: Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana

COST: \$135 Including the \$35 Registration Fee

OVER 1000 TEENS EXPECTED

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 15, 1980

SPECIAL SPEAKERS: Pat Hurley and Dawson McAllister

Design by David French

brethren national youth conference 1980



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BY THE RENEWING
OF YOUR MIND** romans 12:2

**CHANGED and
REARRANGED**

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news report

From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and the Evangelical Press Association

□ The house of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Uphouse, Warsaw, Ind., was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday evening, March 1. The Uphouses were having dinner at a nearby restaurant, and returned to find firemen battling the blaze that had totally engulfed the house. Fire officials believe the blaze started around a wood-burning stove in the family room. Almost nothing was salvaged. An auto was also destroyed in the fire. Dr. Uphouse is a retired professor at Grace College, and Mrs. Uphouse is associate dean of students. They have shown great courage through this ordeal, but much of their loss is irrecoverable, and your prayers will be appreciated.

□ Lyle Marvin, Jr., and Don Lashley, members of the Kenai Grace Brethren Church, Kenai, Alaska, recently participated in a Civil Air Patrol search for a downed pilot, who had spent several days outside in below zero temperatures. The plane with Lyle Marvin and a pilot picked up the downed flier's signal on the Cook Inlet. Lyle, past president of the national men's organization and retired from the Los Angeles Fire Dept., is now directing the music program at the Kenai church.

□ Mrs. Opal Sollenberger, a resident of Grace Brethren Village, Englewood, Ohio, has written a book entitled *I Chose To Live in a Nursing Home*. Published by the David C. Cook Co., the book frankly faces the life-style decisions of the senior years. Mrs. Sollenberger tells how she chose life in a retirement/nursing home facility over the other options, and you will also enjoy the humorous portions of the book. It is an invaluable book for those who are facing these decisions themselves, and for those who must help a loved one plan for senior years. You may order a copy of the book from the Missionary Herald, P.O.

Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Please enclose your check or money order for \$4.95 and BMH pays postage costs.

meetings

Dr. Robert B. Collitt, Stewardship Counselor for the Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service, will be speaking at the following Grace Brethren churches:

Grace Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va., May 11-14.
W. Carl Miller, pastor.

Rosemont Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., May 18-21, Donald Weltmer, pastor.

Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa., June 1-4, Earle Peer, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa., June 8-11, Wesley Haller, pastor.

Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa., June 15-18, Vernon Harris, pastor.

Dr. John C. Whitcomb will hold special meetings at the following churches:

Grace Brethren Church, Winchester, Va., May 23-25, Paul Dick, pastor.

Anchorage Grace Brethren Church, Anchorage, Alaska, Aug. 3-10, Larry Smithwick, pastor.

marriages

Hearty congratulations to, and may God's blessings rest always upon, these new families who join the *Brethren Missionary Herald* readership. A six-month free subscription to the *Herald* is given to newlyweds whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Darlene Lundquist and Tim Curran, Jan. 11, West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio.

Elizabeth Keast and James Schaefer, Jan. 12, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Galen and Carolyn Keeler, Jan. 12, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Ollie Briles and Anthony Martin, Jan. 12, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Deborah Thornton and Kevin Myers, Jan. 19, Grace Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. The bride's father, Rev. Charles G. Thornton, performed the ceremony.

Teresa and Richard Lau, Jan. 25, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

The following weddings were performed in the Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.:

Bill and Tami DeHoop, Feb. 2
Michael and Connie Brooks, Feb. 8.
Gary and Becky Flod, Feb. 9.
Greg and Debbie Johnson, Feb. 29.

□ A tour to Israel, Switzerland, and Southern Germany is being planned for July 1-18. Pastor Ed Cashman of the Bellflower Brethren Church, 9405 E. Flower St., Bellflower, Calif. 90706 (Tel. 213/925-6561), may be contacted for more details. A feature of this tour will be the Passion Play which is given in Germany only every 10 years and has been presented for 300 years.

□ The Elizabethtown (Pa.) Grace Brethren Church won a recent Sunday school contest between Lancaster Grace Brethren Church, Manheim Grace Brethren Church, New Holland Grace Brethren Church, and Elizabethtown. Michael Rockafellow is the pastor of the Elizabethtown church.

change your annual

□ Everett Caes, 58644 Co. Rd. 111, Elkhart, Ind. 46514. □ Warren E. Hall, 104 Hemlock, Sunnyside, Wash. 98944. □ Wendell E. Kent, mailing address: P.O. Box 362, Waynesboro, Pa. 17268. Home address: 12417 Stine Ave., Tel. 717/762-9550. □ Marvin Meeker, Tel. 515/452-6472. □ Ron Picard, 7260 S. St. Rt. 48, Union, Ohio 45322. □ On page 29 of your *Annual*, Hattie Sheldon's address should read: 510 Rose Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90802. □ Grace Brethren Church, Sacramento, Calif. Tel. 916/972-1106. Also, Roy Halberg has recently accepted the pastorate of this church. His address is: 4261 Whitney Ave., Sacramento, Calif. 95821. □ The name of the First Brethren Church, Des Moines, Iowa, has been changed to the First Grace Brethren Church. Richard Sellers has accepted the pastorate of this church, and will be moving to Des Moines July 1, 1980. He had formerly pastored this church several years ago. □ Seven Fountains, Va.: Trinity Brethren Church, c/o Mrs. Isabelle C. Ritenour, Fort Valley Rd. Rt., Box 276, Strasburg, Va. 22657.

□ The Grace Brethren Church in Davenport, Iowa, has grown considerably in the last year, and has been breaking all previous attendance and offering records! On April 13 a self-support celebration was held, with Dr. Lester E. Pifer (Executive Secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council), Ron Weimer, Vernon Schrock (both from the Waterloo, Iowa, church), and many others joining in the commemorative event. M. Lee Myers, pastor.

□ The Grace Christian Preschool became a reality last September for the folks of the Grace Brethren Church of Orange, Calif. Because the school represents part of the vision of Dr. L. L. Grubb when he founded the church, Mrs. Grubb has designated the gifts given in his memory and set up as a memorial in this church to the establishment of the preschool.

□ Rev. William Cochran has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich. He assumed the pastorate of the Listie Brethren Church, Listie, Pa., on April 1, 1980.

deaths

Notices in this column must be submitted in writing by the pastor.

BEAMSLEY, James, Jan. 16, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. David Hocking, pastor.

MESSNER, Glenn C., 73, March 6. Mr. Messner was a member of the Southview Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, where he had served as treasurer, building committee member, and a Sunday school teacher for many years. He was also a member of the Grace Schools board of trustees for several years. Donald G. Farner, pastor. (A special Glenn C. Messner Memorial Athletic Scholarship has been established at Grace Schools. Gifts should be sent to the attention of Richard G. Messner, Director of Development, Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.)

MISNER, DONALD, 52, Feb. 2, a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa. Kenn Cosgrove, pastor.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE HOUSING INFORMATION

July 26—August 1, Winona Lake, Indiana

Holiday Inn (Warsaw)

Phone: 219/269-2323

Single, \$33; Double, \$39

International Friendship House (Winona Lake)

Phone: 219/267-8147

Single, \$11—22; Double, \$15—\$28

Petro's Motel (Warsaw)

Phone: 219/267-6101

Single, \$14; Double, \$16—\$27

Regal 8 (Warsaw)

Phone: 219/269-2601

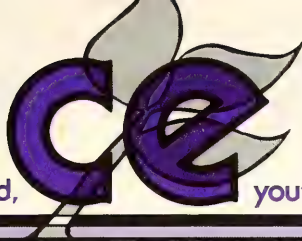
Single, \$15.88; Double, \$18.88—\$21.88

**Winona Hotel, Lakeside Annex,
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Dear Mother,

Every day should be Mother's Day around your house, to be fair. But unselfishness never seeks recognition, and that's the way you are.

Thank you.

Frankly, what we do from this Christian Education building or on the road, and what your church attempts for the great cause of educating and building the Christian, would be nothing without you.

Your TIME with your little ones helps give the preschooler emotions of joy and strength, and stretches them to think worldwide even before leaving home for school.

You are the daily touch; giving out "Precepts" by word and life when children get home from school.

You teach "Operation Barnabas" before we do with your teens, giving booster shots and courage by listening and guiding.

You are the "Inside Track" to your family with a servant's heart, helping that be the mood of the home and producing ministry at church by your involvement and suggestions.

People say "Ohhh" and "Hmmm" as they watch your exemplary and beautiful role of honor and love toward your husband. And people get what it means that Christ is the husband of the Church.

You preempted our filmstrip stories before we ever sent them to your church, for you raised your children with Bible facts and love, with application.

You give daily Christian Education seminars on practical areas of living for Christ, and your family is getting the point by what you say and live.

You are the best SMM patroness there ever was for your daughters, a caring youth sponsor for your teens, and Christian Educator of the Year for your grandchildren.

Frankly, Mother, we are nothing without you.

We thank you!

Indiana for Good

The July 27-28 Christian Education Convention we have planned for you, as part of our annual get-together all that week, will be excellent in content with a joyful mood, for all who wish to take their first hike, or to repeat, "Walk Thru the New Testament."

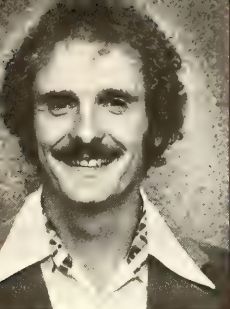
As a choice, some very special, practical workshops—some for pastors and some for other workers in the church.

Our invitation is to block it out on the calendar.

Do come!

And at the same time, not far from this convention of people seeking to do better with the Great Commission, our Brethren National Youth Conference. With the group of teens, leaders and speakers they have, you would have to work hard to avoid Christian growth and commitment. Come along!

Thank You for Your Prayers and Support!



"Misery in the 'Me'

Dawson McAllister is president of Shepherd Productions, a ministry committed to training youth in evangelism and education at Talbot Theological Seminary (Calif.). Mr. McAllister will be a speaker at the 1980

Many students have learned the 'me-ist' philosophy of their society and are now suffering the consequences.

"Me" is the most fashionable word in American culture today. Looking out for "number one" and boning up on self-actualization is a matter of course. Men and women are unashamedly lovers of self. A "me-ist" says, "I am the center of the universe. I don't need God telling me what to do. I can meet my own needs, take care of myself and enjoy all the pleasures that can be found in self. Absolutes are nonexistent. I will become my own value system. I will answer only to me."

The symptoms of this "me-centered" philosophy are tragically manifesting themselves in American youth. Many high school and college students have learned the "me-ist" life style from their parents. Many parents today are increasingly self-oriented. They are not committed to their children and thus not inclined to make sacrifices for them. They don't push their children; the children make their own decisions. Discipline disappears from the home as children question authority and parents become increasingly permissive.

Single-Parent Families

How widespread "me-ist" parental beliefs have become is indicated by the growing number of working mothers. While some mothers need to work to survive, others work outside the home simply to maintain their materialistic appetites or to portray the image of a liberated woman. Nearly half of all mothers with children under 18 work; this more than doubles the number 30 years ago.¹ Now, only 7 percent of American families can be classified as

"traditional"—with the father working, mother keeping house and two children at home.

Another example of "me-ism" in the home is the growing tragedy of divorce and the single-parent family. The U.S. Census Bureau in 1978 recorded 8 million homes where the mother was the only parent and 1.6 million homes where the father was the only parent. According to the bureau's report, half of all the children born today will live in a single-parent family.

Some sociologists say that it is easier for a child to experience the loss of a parent through death than divorce. Children who have lost parents through divorce have witnessed poor parental modeling in the areas of problem solving and communication. They have experienced the trauma of choosing between two people, both of whom they want to love.

The American home is not the only institution endorsing "me-ism." The media also feeds selfish attitudes and are no friend to the high school student. Through 12 years of school, an average student will spend 15,000 hours watching television compared to 12,000 in a classroom.² What values are being impressed upon the teenager as he watches those 15,000 hours of TV? The values of the people who are daily flaunting their "me-ist" life styles and philosophy over the air.

A study in *Newsweek* reported the following:

... contemporary video entertainment, especially the sitcom, is running directly counter to traditional American values and institutions. Television's favorite black hats ... are businessmen, military officials and

the small-town power structure; on the other, criminals, the poor and the hyperkinetic style of urban life are almost invariably portrayed with sympathetic strokes. This coherent, anti-establishment ideology ... is largely the result of a left-of-center bias that has come to dominate the medium's creative community.³

Sex has largely replaced violence on television. An actual or implied sexual occurrence hits the American student 2.7 times every hour, and 88 percent of all sex presented on television is sex outside of marriage. If one added up all the instances of sexual intercourse, sexual comments and suggestive sexual scenes appearing on network television in 1978, the total would be 20,000.⁴

"Partying Spirit" Life Style

The consumption of alcohol depicted on television is also on the rise. In fact, someone drinks 3.5 times per hour on television—4 times per hour during prime time. For every time coffee is consumed, alcohol is consumed 10 times. For every time milk is consumed, alcohol is consumed 44 times. Water is consumed 1 for every 48 times someone drinks alcohol.⁵

Obviously, students cannot be bombarded with "me-ist" viewpoints without sooner or later allowing them to control their lives. One consequence is a "partying spirit" life style among American teen-agers. The "partying spirit" way of life says, "Let's not deal with the pain and realities of life. Let's go ahead and assume the minimal responsibility to make just

Generation"

and discipleship. He is a graduate of Bethel College (Minn.) and completed his formal education at the National Youth Conference and GBC Christian Education Convention in July.

enough money to survive—until party time."

This way of thinking is the reason disco and rock is a seven-billion-dollar industry today. Its success is certainly not due to the caliber of its music, but to the fact that the dancer becomes the star. With disco, if the music blares and the lights dazzle, one can forget the drudgeries of reality. Consequently, the "me" generation is saying, "I do not want to think. It will lead me to despair. So I will party, party, party."

The "party spirit" shows itself in the alcohol craze of the "me" generation. Joseph Califano, former secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, reported that more than three million youths have experienced problems at home, school or on the highways as a result of drinking.⁶

The violence in junior high and high schools is even more alarming. For example, the National Institute of Education estimates that each month 5,200 junior high and senior high teachers are attacked and 6,000 are robbed by force, and 282,000 junior and senior high students are assaulted and 112,000 are robbed.⁷

Pursuit of Sexual Pleasure

While "me-ism" has fueled the crime rate, it has also desecrated sexual expression. "Me-ism" makes man forget love and commitment, prompting him to fill the void with the pursuit of sexual pleasure outside of marriage. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare reports that one million girls between the ages of 15 and 19 become pregnant each year—370,000 of these pregnancies end in abortion.

Some 235,000 result in illegitimate births, and 100,000 try to legitimize their situation by a marriage that is likely to end in divorce. One out of every 5 new mothers today is a teenager—30,000 are 15 or younger.⁹

If those figures aren't alarming enough, in 1978 5,000 teen-agers and young adults committed suicide.¹⁰ Psychologists say that for every teen-ager who succeeded, 50 tried.¹¹ Overall, a quarter of a million young people tried to take their lives last year.

The sickening eruption of these tragic problems has occurred because our young people cannot handle the license that "me-ism" grants. Their home lives become wrecked. They give up on church; they give up on government; and now they're trying to put faith in themselves.

And what does God say about this tragedy? He's saying, "Wake up. We're in a war." The battle is for the heart and mind of the American teen-ager. The war will not be won simply by telling teen-agers to live like Christians. They don't know what that means anymore. The battle will be won only as Christ's followers allow the love of Jesus Christ to melt the heart of selfishness that has come upon the American scene.

The American teen-ager must come to recognize that God is holy and that this same holy God will one day judge the world. He must come to realize, therefore, that, if he lives to himself, ignoring God, he will have to pay the price. Our God hates rebellion and the cheap independence we seek apart from Him.

I believe that the 1980s must be a time when Christ Himself and

what He did at the cross are lifted up. As contemporary brothers of Paul, we must concur with his words in 1 Corinthians 2:2: "For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified."

Back to Basics

Many of us have become so caught up in the activity of ministry that we've forgotten the source of our spiritual power. Our methods have replaced prayer. Advertisements have replaced personal evangelism. Rap groups are substitute Bible studies. The Christian student must be trained to share the gospel of Christ crucified, and he must be prepared to defend with Scripture his Christian life style. In short, the Christian student, and all of us, must be a living and practicing manifestation of the Christian ethic.

Do you have convictions? Do you believe that Christ is everything? If so, why not say to God, "I'm ready. Take the garbage out. Replace it with Your plan and Your power." The only way this sleeping "me" generation will ever stir from its stupor and turn to the Saviour is if they see you living the God-centered, supernatural life style of Jesus Christ.

¹*The Youth Letter*, Evangelical Ministries, Philadelphia, July 1977 (based on Department of Labor report, "Working Mothers and Their Children").

²*The Youth Letter*, May 1978.

³"TV Comedy: What It's Teaching the Kids," *Newsweek*, May 7, 1979, p. 67.

⁴National Federation for Decency, Fall 1978, report.

⁵*Ibid.*

⁶"New Alcohol Program to Focus on Women, Teen-agers," *Los Angeles Times*, May 2, 1979.

⁷*The Youth Letter*, July 1979.

⁸*The Youth Letter*, July 1979.

⁹*Family Circle*, June 26, 1979.

¹⁰*Good Housekeeping*, May 1979.

¹¹*U.S. News & World Report*, July 10, 1978.

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Some of Our Best Friends are —

Young Barnabases

Operation Barnabas had quite an effect on Tim Poyner, a high school senior from Hagerstown, Maryland. He traveled on the 1979 summer team and was involved in drama (picture left), puppets, music, preaching, evangelism, testimonies, manual chores, and other forms of ministry.

Tim, returned from the five weeks of intensive training experience with goals that he wanted to see implemented in his home church. Letters from Tim this year have indicated the following news . . .

- started a Bible study on Tuesday mornings at school (public) and 20 or more teens meet weekly. He and Pete Bitner (another O.B. alumnus—now senior class president) have organized the group

- helped organize a youth choir with about 20 teens (even put on an Easter cantata, using teens singing and doing instrumental accompaniment)

- have 11 puppets under construction for a new puppet team

- presently putting together a youth newsletter

- developing an outreach program

- contacted lots of his friends to consider Operation Barnabas: three were selected from his church

- has been accepted at Grace College this fall.

There's nothing more exciting than hearing from Tim, or any of the other members of Operation Barnabas, who are implementing what they have learned from their experiences on Operation Barnabas. Well over 200 teenagers have been involved with Operation Barnabas ministries over the last 6 years.

"... an experience in ministry education that I will use constantly and treasure all of my life."



Fifty-six teens and eight adults will be involved with the two Operation Barnabas teams traveling in the East this summer.

Operation Barnabas is one of the many ministries of GBC Christian Education that encourages young people to reach out to others in evangelism and ministry.

Your gifts make "Operation Barnabas" a reality. The Brethren Board of Evangelism gives an annual gift to help make this youth evangelism emphasis possible. Won't you help, too? Pray for the effectiveness of this Brethren Youth Ministry.

Please apply this gift to help with Operation Barnabas.

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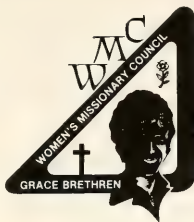
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- G North Kokomo, Ind.
- H Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)
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- J Altoona, Pa. (Grace)
- N No one qualified

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Women Manifesting Christ

Missionary Birthdays

JULY 1980

(If no address is listed, the address will be found on pages 28 and 29 of the 1980 Grace Brethren Annual.)

AFRICA

Mrs. William Walker	July 1
Miss Carolyn Kodear	July 7
Miss Cheryl Kaufman	July 7
Dr. Don Hocking	July 15
Sandrine Vieuble	July 25, 1975
Lisa Immel	July 26, 1966

ARGENTINA

Elizabeth Hoyt	July 4, 1978
Marla Robinson	July 9, 1966
Mrs. Solon Hoyt	July 29

FRANCE

Elliott (Andy) Hudson	July 10, 1973
Mrs. Philip Gegner	July 15
Rev. Tom Stallter	July 26
c/o Tom Julien, Chateau de St. Albain	

IN THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. Dick Schilperoort	July 2
c/o P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590	
Mrs. Ada Taber	July 8
Frederick Hodgdon	July 9, 1964
c/o P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590	
Rev. Robert Williams	July 15
Rev. Earle C. Hodgdon	July 18
c/o P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590	
Mark Austin	July 23, 1968
c/o P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590	
Miss Marian Thurston	July 24
c/o P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590	
Mrs. John Ochocki	July 24
c/o P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590	
Miss Margaret Hull	July 27
c/o P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590	
Ryan Hobert	July 29, 1978
c/o P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590	
Mrs. Dave Hobert	July 31
c/o P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590	

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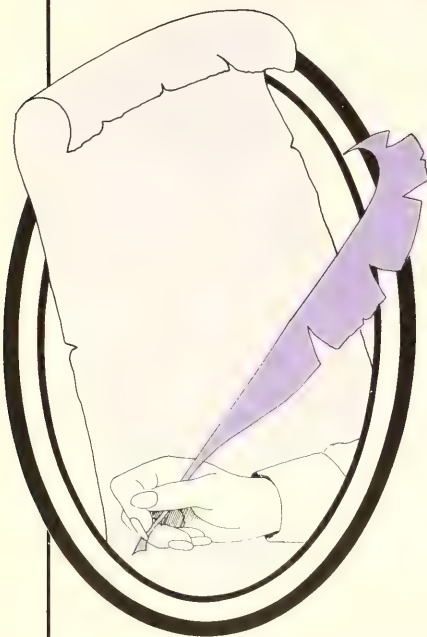


Goal: \$11,000

Due Date: June 10, 1980

Project: Extended project—construction
of a new mission residence
in Winona Lake, Indiana

Sent of God



Our Wardrobe is Changing

Grace Brethren WMC Pen Pointers

WMC Pen Pointers are getting a new face and format. These pamphlets giving information concerning the methods, purposes, and other facts about WMC have been transformed from small items to a larger 5½"x8½" size. Individual Pen Pointers illustrate how to conduct a meeting with correct parliamentary procedure—a help for officers—and another gives help with regard to the missionary program of the organization. The set is being revised continually and with the new revision and size change, the new style and format will constitute the new WMC handbook. All eight Pen Pointers will be available for your council's use soon. Some are temporarily out of stock due to the revision and printing of the new format. The Pen Pointer "What Is WMC?" will continue to be printed in the small size as well as the new format. The small size can then be presented to new ladies in our organization to familiarize them with the program.

A Mother's Paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love waits while child can't be found at suppertime. Love says "thank you" to the child without being reminded, and does not seek a new dress every time child grows out of one. Love remembers others have cute children, too, and is not the first to control conversation with her story. Love doesn't scream and have a tantrum when rules are not obeyed; would rather attend Little League baseball than go shopping; laughs while

finding a child's shoe for the fifth time this day, because of the child's ingenuity in finding hiding places; forgives and forgets when children misbehave. Love prays for children's salvation and praises the Lord when it occurs. Love remembers her own childhood; does not think the worst of her child; hopes for the child's best in the future, and endures childhood and its imperfections. Love never fails.

—Anonymous

Dear Miriam,

How nice it was of you to send greetings to the OTN women here in the Central African Republic. I translated your letter and read it to them at general conference during one of the OTN group meetings. They really seemed to appreciate it. I wanted to share with you something that was really thrilling for us to experience during this conference. As you know, Martine Yougouda was national president of the OTN this past year. Of course, this has really been only a title and the main job was to prepare the program for the next year's conference and preside at that conference. However, since Martine had a good dose of WMC in the States, she really has a vision for what the women in Africa can do and she set about doing just that this year. She did an excellent job of directing the meetings and keeping things moving. I was the missionary counselor and it was a joy to work with her. Usually the missionary counselor has to more or less make up the program and then prompt the president of each thing to do in the meeting. However, Martine, Therese (the vice-president) and I planned the programs together last July. Martine contacted the speakers, and so forth, and she handled all of the meetings very well. She was very discouraged in the beginning of January because most of the speakers she had contacted had refused, saying they would not be able to attend conference. However, because of a number of changes in the general conference program, the OTN only had three meetings instead of the usual six. Martine said, "The Lord knew the program before we did. What would we have done if all the speakers had accepted!"

Last year, Martine suggested that the OTN should have a Central Caisse to which each district would send a free-will offering. These funds would be used to handle expenses incurred in planning the annual conference program, and also help the Union of Brethren Churches by contributing to various projects. Last year the districts sent in a total of 170,000 francs (\$850). We are all thrilled with their response. At the executive committee meeting of OTN which met during conference, it was voted to give 70,000 of that money (\$350) to the Missionary Society of the Union of Brethren Churches. They had voted at the conference to send two men to the Cameroons to help in the establishment of churches in that country, but funds were lacking. Martine has a real missionary spirit and did a good job of presenting the need to the women and they accepted without any objections. When Martine gave the OTN report before the whole conference, she created quite a stir when she presented the gift of 70,000 francs, by stating that the women were giving this gift as an example so that all of the other organizations would return home and do likewise. We are thankful for the missionary spirit which is beginning to blossom and we know the Lord will richly bless.

Martine also suggested to the OTN executive committee (which is composed of one delegate from each district—whichever happens to be at conference) that the officers remain in office for five years so there would be more continuity to the program. She explained that the officers should travel to the various districts and help where they can. She also would like to see an annual set of classes held for leaders, and so forth. Her suggestion was approved and it was voted to keep the same officers for five years. Martine has her work cut out for her for the next five years! She did not want the office and I had talked with her several times about it. She said she was too busy with her family and Bible Institute teaching for the job. However, two days before conference, when I went to her house on business, she said: "If the women want me to be the president for five years, I will be willing to try. The Lord has been speaking to me about it." It is such a thrill to see someone maturing in Christ—no matter what color or culture! How we need more women like Martine, and our prayer is that her leadership of the OTN will help to develop many others as Christian leaders.

Continue to pray for the OTN out here—things are looking up! By the way, Pierre also did a great job as president of the conference. They are quite a team.

May God richly bless you this year.

In His great love,

Betty Hocking
Betty Hocking

WMC



FMS PROJECT

Women Manifesting Christ is the slogan of the national WMC, but the middle name of the organization is missionary. In the case of WMC, the middle name has much to do with the personality, purpose, and practice of the organization. Individual auxiliaries across the country are involved in innumerable ways in missionary activities.

A purpose of the WMC is to become knowledgeable about the fields of service of the FMS and to provide support whether financial or through prayer to each of the missionaries serving on the various fields. Monthly portions of each meeting are given to the study of missions and those who serve, and prayer time is spent upholding the work of the Gospel going out in these places.

Our current national project giving for the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society is being channeled into a fund for building a new mission residence to be used for missionaries on furlough, retired missionaries, and also for missionary candidates during the annual winter seminar.

Building costs are staggering and have halted for the time being any plans for immediate construction. Not only is the present stalemate disappointing to the emotional need of the society and its mis-

sionaries, but a very present need when trying to locate facilities for the missionaries traveling through and staying in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Our project towards the construction of this new residence was to be an extended project, and we are now in our second year of collecting money for this need. The goal that has been set for this year is \$11,000 and will be due June 10, 1980. The money that we give as a WMC organization will not cover the cost completely even in addition to the sale of the current missionary residence property. Therefore, in addition to our giving of funds, we must be consistent in our prayer support of the project as well. We need to call on the name of the Lord for His timing in this construction.

Missionaries on furlough have a very different life style than most of us. Many of us would not be able to keep up with the pace that they set in order to inform us of the work they are doing. In return, they must have a place to call home while in Winona Lake. The present structure is inadequate; the need is obvious; prayer and financial support are our privilege and obligation. The Lord is able to grant us the ability to give so that this project can become a reality.

February 4, 1980

WMC WMC

Mrs. Dan Pacheco, President
National WMC
413 Kings Highway
Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

*Thank
You!*

Dear Miriam:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The financial department has just informed me that we have received your check from the WMC for the amount of \$7,653.66 which was earmarked for Navajo transportation. We are deeply appreciative of this very splendid offering for this very needy project. The ladies of the WMC have come through victoriously again. We surely thank the Lord for the very splendid support that the ladies of the WMC have given to Brethren Home Missions over these many years. It was a great delight at this last national conference to be able to appear before the ladies and express our appreciation for their work in the past.

May the Lord richly bless you for your labors and we are thrilled about you being with us in both of the home mission workshops this year to emphasize the importance of WMC in all of our churches. Please express my deep appreciation to the national WMC organization for caring for your expense in transportation to and from these workshops. May God's richest blessing rest upon you in this special ministry.

Yours in His matchless grace,

Lester E. Pifer
Lester E Pifer

LEP:mo

*Thank
You!*

February 13, 1980
Women's Missionary Council
c/o Mrs. Dan Pacheco, President
413 Kings Highway
Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

Dear Members of WMC:

On behalf of the students and faculty of Grace College, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your most generous financial gift which is being used for the purchase of books and materials for our new program in special education. It will go a long way toward giving the program a good solid start.

There was enough interest in special education to justify starting the program one year in advance of our original plans. In fact, we should be graduating the first five minors in EMR (Educable Mentally Retarded) in May of 1981.

Please continue to pray for this program and its possible expansion as the needs and resources dictate. You are all invited to come to our open house during the 1980 national conference to personally see what your concern and love are producing.

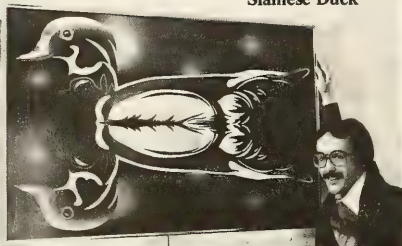
Gratefully in Christ,

Bruce K. Alcorn

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Dave French
"Siamese Duck"



Terry Julien
"The Seventh Minstrel"



Marcia Keough
"Clara"



SENIOR ART EXHIBIT



The Grace College Art Gallery recently featured the work of five graduating seniors. Students involved in the art show included:

Peggy Bechtel—Miss Bechtel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bechtel, Minerva, Ohio. Her artistic concentrations are in the areas of ceramics and pottery. She is an art area major.

Dave French—French is a Warsaw, Indiana, resident. The art area major is the son of Professor and Mrs. Ivan French. Professor French instructs in Grace Seminary. Dave is active at Grace, singing in the Concert Choir. His area of interest is in two-dimensional design paintings.

The five seniors who participated in the art display at Grace College were, from left to right, Marcia Keough, Dave French, Terry Julien, Jim Horn and Peggy Bechtel.

Jim Horn—Horn is majoring in secondary art education. He is the son of Mrs. Robert Kolbe, Bourbon, Indiana. Horn, a transfer student from Biola College in California, places his artistic emphasis in the areas of drawing and painting.

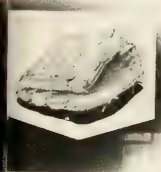
Terry Julien—Julien was born in Switzerland and grew up in France where his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Tom Julien, are Grace Brethren missionaries. He has a double major in speech education and secondary art education. Julien has participated in a number of dramatic

Top 20 Churches in Giving to Grace Schools

A total of \$467,564 was given to Grace Schools in 1979 by the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Following is a list of the "Top Twenty" churches with total gifts of \$244,674 which is 52 percent of the FGBC total for the year.

CHURCH	PASTOR	GIFT
Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church . . . Winona Lake, Indiana	Charles Ashman . . .	\$55,686
First Brethren Church Wooster, Ohio	Kenneth Ashman . . .	24,983
First Brethren Church Dayton, Ohio	Forrest Jackson . . .	22,197
Grace Brethren Church Ashland, Ohio	Knute Larson	13,937
Grace Brethren Church Waterloo, Iowa	John Burke	13,751
Grace Brethren Church of Columbus . . Worthington, Ohio	James Custer	13,430
West Homer Brethren Church Homerville, Ohio	Robert Holmes	11,628
Grace Brethren Church Indianapolis, Indiana	Paul Woodruff	10,072
Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church . . . Telford, Pennsylvania	William Tweeddale . .	9,808
Community Grace Brethren Church . . . Warsaw, Indiana	David Plaster	8,870
Grace Brethren Church Hagerstown, Maryland	Randy Poyner	7,343
Grace Brethren Church Canton, Ohio	Terrance Taylor	6,583
Grace Brethren Church Fremont, Ohio	Leland Friesen	6,231
Grace Brethren Church Lancaster, Pennsylvania	Wesley Haller	6,125
Bethel Brethren Church Berne, Indiana		5,969
Grace Brethren Church Myerstown, Pennsylvania	Luke Kauffman	5,804
First Brethren Church Fort Wayne, Indiana	Galen Lingenfelter . .	5,681
Grace Brethren Church Winchester, Virginia	Paul Dick	5,641
Peru Brethren Church Peru, Indiana	James Marshall	5,507
First Brethren Church Rittman, Ohio	Robert Russell	5,428

Jim Horn
"The Retired Glove"



Peggy Bechtel
Vases



roductions and has been
ctive with the Student Activi-
les Board since coming to
Grace. His concentration is in
he area of charcoal pencil.

Marcia Keough—Mrs.
Keough and her husband,
Mark, reside in Warsaw, Indi-
ana. She is the daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Ray Bahler, New
Haven, Indiana. Before coming
to Grace, the secondary art
education major attended
Moody Bible Institute in
Chicago and St. Francis Col-
lege in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Mrs. Keough specializes in the
areas of ceramics and pottery.
Jean L. Coverstone is the
chairman of the Grace College
Art Department.

European Study Tour



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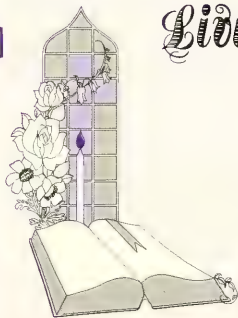
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Grace schools

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News Notes

The Grace Schools Board of Trustees met at Winona Lake, Indiana, February 25-27 and approved a budget of \$4.96 million for the 1980-81 fiscal year. New board members attending the sessions included Mr. William Snoddy of West Salem, Ohio; Mr. Chris Lapp, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Rev. John Gillis of Simi Valley, California. The composition of the board currently is as follows: 8 businessmen, 10 pastors, 4 educators, 2 medical doctors, 1 chemist, and 2 retirees.

In the college the trustees approved promotions in rank for Dean Dan Snively to assistant professor and Dr. Weston Fields and Mr. William Gordon to associate professor. Mrs. Jean Coverstone, associate professor of art, was granted a sabbatical leave for the first semester of next year.

In the seminary, Professor James Eisenbraun was promoted to assistant professor. Dr. Wayne Beaver was granted a sabbatical leave of absence for the second semester of the 1980-81 academic year.

All promotions will be effective next August.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM AT PURDUE

by Dawn Stroup

Grace College Freshman

"Thank you, Lord, for this new baby sister," prayed Kevin Kempton of Mansfield, Ohio, after recently going to Purdue University (West Lafayette, Ind.) with the Grace College Personal Evangelism Team. One hundred and ten Grace students had the privilege of sharing Jesus with students at this huge state school. Fifteen decisions were made through contacts at Purdue and many seeds were planted during this second in a series of trips to the university.

"It was scary," another member commented. "I had never done anything like this before. I guess at first I felt like Jonah going to the city of Ninevah. But then I realized that the people weren't hardhearted or wicked; they were very open and receptive to the love of God."

The bus trip to Purdue was spent in becoming familiar with the different procedures and approaches used while witnessing of and sharing God's love. It was a time of sharing ideas, past experiences, and "attention-getters." Most importantly, though, it was a time of prayer. Prayer not only for hearts to be prepared at Purdue, but also prayer to cleanse the hearts of the team members so they could have pure communion with the Holy Spirit and be used effectively.

"It's important that we remember to give all the glory to God when we do have a successful contact. We can't get caught up in a spiritual ego trip," one

member of the team stated.

Grace College Personal Evangelism members observed, through this trip, that some of the Purdue students were Christians, but they were often too wrapped up in college activities to remember Christ. Others there had heard of Jesus, but they did not know Him in a personal way. Then, of course, there were those who were ignorant of the Gospel.

The blessings that come from evangelism outnumber the fears anyone experiences 1,000 to 1. Those who participated in personal evangelism were brought together in a spirit of unity that has flowed throughout the campus. Genuine happiness and love come with such a Christian ministry.

Is God in Your Will?

So often we are concerned whether we are in God's will. And this is certainly a very important consideration. Being in the center of God's will is assurance that He will provide guidance and blessing.

However, it is also important that God be in our will. No matter how adequately you are providing for your family right now, you are neglecting one of your most important responsibilities if you haven't made a will and included God's work in it.

During our lifetime we are naturally concerned about giving our tithes and offerings. But when the Lord takes us home, what about the tithes and offerings in our will?

The basic purpose of a will is to make your desires clear regarding the distribution of your estate. It also provides the utmost in protection for your loved ones after your death. In addition, at least a tithe should go to the work of the Lord.

Perhaps you would like to make a final bequest to the Grace Schools ministry in which you have had a special interest during your lifetime. Please let us know if we can help you prepare or update your will.

Richard G. Messner, Director of Development
Grace Schools
Winona Lake, Ind. 46590
Telephone: 219/267-8191, ext. 125

NOW

current news items of help and interest to you as Brethren

Moody Monthly magazine is carrying seven articles on the subject of abortion in its May issue. Editor Jerry Jenkins says, "it may be the most important issue we have ever published." The lead article by Philadelphia pediatrician C. Everett Kopp, challenges the abortion issue and calls it "deception-on-demand." This magazine's stand against abortion could very well be the strongest stand ever taken on this issue by a Christian magazine. Moody Monthly is published by Moody Bible Institute.

Housing will be very short this year at national conference time due to the other activities being held at Winona Lake during this week. The first service of the conference will be on Saturday evening, July 26, and the final session on Friday evening, August 1. See the listing of housing possibilities on page 22 of this issue of the Herald, and phone in your reservations to the place of your choice.

The special planning committee appointed at last year's national conference met at Winona Lake in mid-April to discuss the future work of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. A report will be made to the Fellowship at a later date. The committee was composed of national board representatives and several moderators of the conference--past and present.

Needs of the national boards and organizations are growing as the inflation rate continues to soar. The same basic needs are also taking place in the local churches. Utility bills, supplies and overhead costs are causing a real current expense "crunch" in many churches and there seems to be no immediate relief in sight. Has your official board discussed how to face and place the proper priorities on the use of funds? Stewardship will be needed, and this is a Christian service along with the other duties of believers.

The Herald toll-free phone number is being used a lot. To remind you, the number is 1-800-348-2756, and is valid from all areas of the continental United States, except in Indiana. The Herald Bookstore has now increased its floor space and the musical needs of churches can now be better met. Those who will be attending national conference will see a big change in the store, and in the number of items available.

The Brethren Encyclopedia work moves forward and many of the Herald readers have received assignments to write for this work. The needs still exist for contributions and if you would like to help, please mail your contributions to: Brethren Encyclopedia, 6611 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19119. Please identify your gift as coming from our Grace Brethren Fellowship.

A Bible class is now meeting in Lakeland, Florida, at the home of Willard Yothers every Wednesday evening. If you are in the area you might want to visit with the group. The address is: 126 E. Palm Dr., Lakeland, Florida 33803. Willard Yothers is the teacher and the phone number is 1-813-687-4677.

Holiday Tours Inc. is sponsoring a Brethren Heritage Tour, August 6-19. The tour is being hosted by Gerald Polman (212 Katy Lane, Englewood, Ohio 45322, 513/836-1467). The 14-day tour revolves around sights in Israel, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Vienna.

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Do you feel Lonely?

You are One in You are One in 5,575

by Charles W. Turner *Editor*

Have you ever felt lonely? Have you ever thought you were one of a kind? There just might be a reason for these thoughts and feelings. If you are an American Grace Brethren, you are a rare, and I hope not endangered species!

Maybe you have never thought of this before, but there is only one American Grace Brethren for every 5,575 persons in the United States. If you go to a big gathering, such as a national football league game, the odds are that in the stands there will be just 6 others like you. Perhaps it would be more appropriate to say that if you go to a Billy Graham crusade with 50,000 people present, there might be 5 others there, besides you, who would find like identity of denominational affiliation.

Suppose you live in a town, city, or large metropolitan area—here is the likelihood of other Grace Brethren being around you if we were distributed equally across the country:

In a town of 1,000, there would be 20 percent of one person who is Grace Brethren.

In a town of 10,000, there would be about 2 Grace Brethren.

In a city of 100,000, there would be 18 Grace Brethren.

In a city of 1,000,000, there would be 179 Grace Brethren.

For some years now, when I go to a gathering, I have been taking my wife along, just so I know there will be at least two Grace Brethren in one place at one time. This gives me security!

By this time you have gotten the message—there are just *not* a lot of Grace Brethren around these days. As the population grows, the percentage drops because “they” are growing faster than we are. “They” are to be identified as “other people,” in whatever sense you want to take it.

I think this is a shame, because I feel that the Grace Brethren Church has a message to present to the world. There are many Christians in the United States, and this I acknowledge, but I am a Grace Brethren and I am proud of it. I want our Bible-based message of truth to reach a much wider circle than it has in times past. We have something positive and true to say, and it needs to be said in a louder voice for many others to hear and follow.

As Grace Brethren we have taken the motto, “The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible.” We do not have a 100 percent record on this count, but we have done well in seeking to stay close to the teaching of the Scriptures. Our Foreign Missions record is good. There are more Grace Brethren outside of the United States than within our continental territory. Our educational record is good. We have established a training institution at Grace Schools that many other denominations look to for the training of their students, as well as the thousands of Brethren who have been trained there. Our Home Missions record is good in the encouragement and establishment of new churches. Our other

works have had good records as well.

We have something to say, and I repeat, there are many who have not heard. We need to break out of the narrow confines in which we have labored, and, with faith in God, begin to conquer some new territory for the Lord and for our way of belief.

We at the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. are seeking to expand this witness through the printed page and to look for other areas of communication to complete the Lord’s commands. In the past 10 years our list of books by Brethren authors has increased to 125 titles, and they are going into bookstores, homes, Bible classes, and educational institutions. Our presses are turning out materials that are attractive in appearance and biblical in content. Millions of pieces of literature are going all over the world from BMH Printing.

These are a few of the things that *we are doing* so there will be many more Brethren next year than there were this year. If we all keep at the work we will not feel so lonely in the years to come.

You are a partner with us in this work and we do appreciate it very much. Another way you can help besides your prayers is to remember that June and July are the months to present gifts for the work of publications in the Brethren Church. Do it by giving your gift through your local church. It will help us here at the Herald not to feel so lonely, because we know you are with us in the work.

Cover Photo: Rev. Dean Fetterhoff (far right) discusses Christian Education and Evangelism with several seminary students. Photo by John Burtoft.

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35 Years Ago—1945

Seventy-five thousand people gathered at Soldier's Field in Chicago, Ill., for a great Youth For Christ convention, under the direction of Torrey Johnson.

15 Years Ago—1965

Dan Hammers and Larry DeArney, first-year students at Grace Seminary, prepared to spend 15 months of general missionary service in France. . . . The Board of Trustees of Grace College voted to construct a new men's dormitory. Completion date— August 1966.

5 Years Ago—1975

Jesse B. Deloe assumed the position of deputation director in the Foreign Missions office. Mrs. Junie Scofield is the new voice at the Brethren Home Missions office. She assumes the switchboard controls to greet the incoming calls. . . . Frank J. Poland celebrated his twenty-fifth year with the Home Missions Council. . . . Among the graduates of Grace Seminary were: Lynn and Aldo Hoyt, David Miller, Theodore Hobart, David Wingfield, Russell Betz, and Norman Johnson.

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letters

Dear Editor:

I enjoy reading "Reflections By Still Waters." I especially enjoyed the April editorial concerning Madalyn Murray O'Hair. She makes my blood pressure rise! She also makes me think of and trust God more—knowing He is still on the throne guiding Christian people. Nothing is impossible with God. Thank you for the editorials, Mr. Turner.—*Ohio*

BIBLE



Training

by Larry DeArmey

As missionaries working in France, we know that ultimately the future of a dynamic, self-propagating church in this country rests with key French men and women. They must communicate with other Frenchmen.

Jesus Christ Himself is the perfect example of one of the basic principles of discipleship. In Isaiah's beautiful prophecy concerning the person of the coming Christ, the prophet

INSTITUTE

Clockwise, starting at the bottom of page 4: 1. Raphaël Ramos leads the Bible Institute class on witnessing, on the tenth anniversary of his conversion. Raphaël is from Macon and was one of the early contacts and converts of the Chateau ministry. 2. Part of the Tuesday night Macon Bible Institute. 3. Gilles and Ghilain, believers from Chalon, attend the Saturday Chateau session of the Bible Institute. 4. Students take careful notes at the Chateau session of the Bible Institute. 5. An attendee of the Saturday Chateau session. 6. Tom Julien leading one of the meetings. 7. Tex Hudson sitting in on a session. 8. In Macon on Tuesday nights, Tom Julien teaches one hour of theology and Larry DeArmy teaches one hour on the life of Christ.



French Men and Women

underscores the fundamental attitude of Jesus. "The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. The Lord God has opened My ear; and I was not disobedient, nor did I turn back" (Isa. 50:4-5 NASB).

Christ knew that the future of His Church depended on His careful training of key people. He also knew that He

could not pass on what He Himself had not learned. Therefore, His communion with His Teacher was intimate and intense.

The motivating idea in our missionary strategy is training.

Much has been done since the outset of our ministry in France to teach and equip French believers to live their Christian lives to the fullest and to communicate the Gospel through their personal witness. The whole purpose of the Chateau ministry has been

to teach through the study of the Word and a transformed life style.

But there is a fundamental difference between simply teaching people and training them. Christ taught the masses, but He trained the Twelve. He fed the multitudes, but He forged the future leaders. Teaching implies imparting knowledge; training implies imparting a vision, a way of life, a discipline, a deep commitment, a desire to reproduce. And training is the key to the



Above: Professor Julien coordinates the total Bible Institute program, as well as teaching in Macon, Chalon, Lyon, and the Chateau.

future.

Realizing that God was giving to our ministry key men and women and also noting the lack of systematic training of these potential leaders, the Chateau version of a decentralized Bible Institute program was inaugurated in the fall of 1978. This program is designed to meet the needs of highly motivated Christians in our ministries in Chalon and Macon and to give to them a solid foundation of systematic Bible study and practical training.

The Christians who are enrolled are being asked to follow a three-year program of study consisting of two hours per week in their own city, two hours per month at the Chateau, and an intensive two-week course at the Chateau in July. At the end of three years, each student will have received a basic in-depth knowledge of the Word and the Christian life without having to leave home

Below: Jean-Marie, one of the most recent converts, shares for the first time his encounter with Christ. This is where the training begins.



(or work) for a formal Bible school education.

The teaching is carried on at an advanced level with assignments, exams, and practical work being required. Our basic goal is not only to impart knowledge, but to see the people make the necessary commitment and impose upon themselves the kind of self-discipline and faithfulness that are key qualities of a servant of the Lord.

Currently we have classes in Macon on Tuesday, in Chalon on Wednesday, and a combined session at the Chateau on the first Saturday of each month. About 10 students followed the intensive course last summer.

Already this phase of our ministry has begun to expand. We have initiated a Monday evening class in the city of Lyon about 40 miles to the south. A large group of people from various evangelical churches of Lyon are enrolled.

As we begin this second year, we are praying that the Bible Institute ministry will be the key to preparing future leaders for our Grace Brethren work in France. We are also praying that this ministry will have its impact on evangelical Christianity in this region.

We would ask your faithful prayers for this training program. French men and women must become mature in their faith and capable of communicating what they are learning. This means much hard work and a deep commitment on their part and, for many, it involves a great sacrifice.

We of the missionary teaching staff feel the extra burden as we strive to prepare quality courses. It is hard work for us, too. We sense the need to deepen our knowledge of the Word and to develop a more intimate relationship with Him who is our teacher. Only as He teaches us will we be able to train others.

Missions: a Most Serious Problem

by John W. Zielasko

On occasion I have been asked: What is the most serious problem in missions today—the lack of personnel to staff our mission fields or the lack of funds to carry on a program? At times in our history, personnel was very definitely a major problem. Young people were not responding to the call of missions; but at the moment, I would have to answer that our biggest threat to the progress, success, and expansion of the foreign mission program is the whopping financial appetite that overseas programs have in today's economy. In order to feed the craving of those twin beasts, inflation and devaluation, field budget and cost of living increments are devoured in a most uncouth manner. Total support figures, agreed upon at the beginning of the year, soon proved inadequate. As an example, I just returned from Africa. While I was there the missionaries purchased gasoline for the MAF plane. The total purchase will enable that plane to perform its missionary duties for about 45 days. The total cost of fuel, at \$6.00 a gallon, came to just under \$10,000. That cost will be shared by a wider group than just our mission but, any way you cut it, that is a hefty slice of the financial pie for just 45 days of operation.

The frustrating aspect of this is the fact that the Foreign Missionary Society in 1979 had the best offering in history: \$1,364,835.00, which is a 12 percent increase over the previous year. But, in spite of this, due to the reasons already cited, we went into a deficit of \$30,000. This, added to our previous years' deficit, has forced our board of trustees to place the society on an austerity

program with budget cuts in all areas. Since mission programs are already operating on skimpy budgets, this is not going to be easy to implement.

Perhaps we need our priorities challenged!

As our world enters the 1980s, it is estimated that well over one-half of all the people who ever lived from Adam to the present and reached the age of five, are still alive—4.25 billion people. The one overwhelming tragic fact that should grip and motivate the Christian Church in this decade is the realization that, at the very least, 2.5 billion people do not know of God's love in Jesus Christ. What is even more significant is the pessimistic spiritual future projected for these people. Without a massive, bold, aggressive missionary thrust, they will die without ever hearing the Gospel. Most are so separated by language and culture from existing Christian congregations that deliberate missionary activity is the only hope for their salvation.

The Brethren Foreign Missionary Society wants to assume its share of this mammoth responsibility. Bold plans are now being formulated to reach these unreached. Candidates are in training to serve on present fields; others are preparing to launch new ventures in the Orient. But none of this will be possible without the prayer and financial backing of our people.

God watches over His program, and we are confident that when His people become aware of the needs, they will respond magnanimously. Just think, if all the members of Grace Brethren churches had given just one dollar more last year, we would not be faced with a deficit. Our missionaries are counting on your support in 1980.

Looking Back 1944 and Praising the Lord



Left: Miss Byron, in dotted array, watches her precious outfit and other earthly belongings go down into Davy Jones' Locker.

1941

The first young people's camp was held in Almafuerte, Argentina.

On March 19, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Morrill and their two children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, Miss Grace Byron, and Miss Ruth Snyder sailed from New York aboard the Egyptian *S.S. Zam Zam*. They were bound for Capetown, South Africa. The *Zam Zam* was shelled and sunk on April 17, and the passengers were taken aboard the German raider *Tamesis*. On April 18, they were transferred to the prison ship *Dresden* where they were held until May 21 at which time they landed at St. Jean de Luz in occupied France. May 31, they left by train for Spain and arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, on June 3. The Morrills sailed for New York on June 20. Miss Byron and Miss Snyder left a little later and arrived in New York on June 21. Mr. and

Mrs. Williams left June 21 and arrived in the States on June 30.

On August 28, Colonel De Larminat took over the reins of government in French Equatorial Africa in the name of Free France under the DeGaulle government.

Marguerite Ruth Dunning was born, bringing joy to her grandmother, Dr. Florence Gribble. This is the first grandchild to be born in Africa—the grandchild of the founder of our African mission, James S. Gribble, who had died in 1923.

1942

Dr. Florence Newberry Gribble passed away on April 1. A cablegram received from Africa stated that "Dr. Gribble passed away peacefully." She was buried at Bassai hill, next to her husband's grave.

Miss Mary Emmert finished her



Above: On the German prison ship "Dresden" the Germans allowed husbands and wives to "keep trust" on the deck for two hours each morning. Note Mr. and Mrs. Williams in the center of the picture just this side of the boy who is reading his paper.

second primer, this one in Sango. (The first book was in Banou.)

1943

Robert and Lenora Williams sent their first greetings from Africa. They had finally arrived after a wait of about two years. Since World War II was taking place and their ship (*Zam Zam*) was shelled the first time they sailed, it was not until late in 1942 that they could leave for their long-desired destination. Even as they traveled, Mr. Williams related: "We heard of ships going down ahead of us in the path we should follow. We heard of ships going down behind us in the path we had just gone over, but we went through unharmed."

Over 50 young men were enrolled at the Yaloke Junior Bible School.

Missionary candidates for the year included Mr. Wayne Beaver, Miss Dorothy Wolf (engaged to

1943 1944 1945 1946



Curtis G. Morrill, topped off with a very familiar old hat, looks upon the eggs somewhat skeptically. Next to him is another missionary apparently looking for a date on said egg! The young man gazing into space, almost directly above Mr. Morrill, is Mr. Williams.



Dr. Orville Jobson reads in his study in Bozoum.

Ben and Mabel Hamilton



Wayne Beaver), Benjamin Hamilton, and Miss Dorothy Hay (Goodman).

Miss Mabel Crawford (already a missionary in Africa) and Benjamin Hamilton (a candidate for Africa) were married.

There were 21 chapel points in Oubangui-Chari in 1943. The total Sunday morning attendance was 3,352 people.

A change of government took place in Argentina. The military took control and political difficulties resulted.

Mission Evangelique de L'Oubangui-Chari (our mission) received official recognition by the government of French Equatorial Africa. Headquarters for the mission was at Bozoum.

1944

The board approved the following candidates for service: Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Schrock and Mr. and Mrs.

Solon Hoyt for Argentina, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Goodman for Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Beaver departed for French Equatorial Africa.

A letter from Field Superintendent Orville Jobson in Africa cites the need for the following buildings (all were built in 1944): a missionary medical guest house in Yaloke (at this time, Yaloke was considered the medical center of the field); a store house and office building for Bouca and Bozoum; and a missionary rest house at Bekoro.

On June 16, Dorothy Hay was married to Marvin Goodman.

Two new works opened in Argentina: Canada Verde and Santa Eufemia.

1945

The board approved the following applications: Mr. and Mrs.

Benjamin Hamilton, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Balzer, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, Africa; and Miss Ruth Kent, Africa.

The board appointed Rev. Clarence Sickel as field superintendent for Argentina and Rev. Orville Jobson as field superintendent for Africa.

Russell D. Barnard was called to become the new full time general secretary of the board at the 1945 annual board meeting. He became the first full time general secretary.

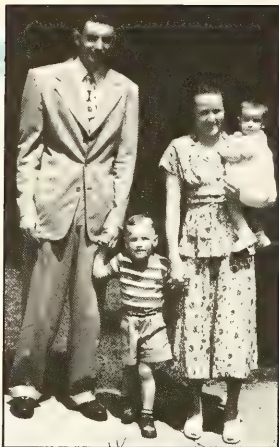
Marvin and Dorothy Goodman left for the field.

1946

The FMS offices were moved from Long Beach, California, to Winona Lake, Indiana.

The board approved Anna Marie Mishler as a candidate for Africa.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis G. Morrill resigned from service in Africa.



Marvin and Dorothy Goodman and their family in 1949.

The board recommended to the society that the next field of Brethren missionary effort be France, "and that this board be authorized to take immediate steps to establish the Brethren Church in France." It was approved.

Publication of *Stranger Than Fiction* written by the late Dr. Florence Newberry Gribble was authorized by the board.

1947

The board authorized an investigation of Brazil as a possible field of Brethren missionary service.

A motion prevailed that FMS "proceed at once toward the establishment of a Brethren work in France and continue investigation of India and China as possible mission fields."

The following were approved as candidates: Miss Ruth Reddick, Argentina; and Miss Larue Malles,

Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Keith Altig were considered for opening a mission field in Latin America.

1948

Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Churchill applied for service.

It was recommended to the society to enter Baja California as a field for one year beginning January 1, 1949, with Jack Green as the missionary.

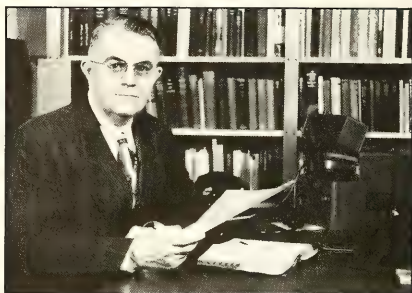
Also recommended was that a missionary party be sent into Brazil, province of Amapa and adjacent territory near the mouth of the Amazon River.

The Altigs were recommended for service in Brazil.

The following appointees were approved: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snyder, Africa; Miss Mary Beth



Rev. Keith Altig (by the car door) and Rev. Eddie Miller (wearing the hat) together ministered in Brazil.



Dr. Russell Barnard

Munn, Africa; and Miss Mary Cripe, Africa.

1949

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Miller were approved as appointees for Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Altig were urged to continue their investigation of the field of Brazil and move their family to Icoraci or other similar suitable territory and establish regular gospel services.

Due to the ill health of Jack Green, the opening of the work in Baja California was temporarily postponed.

Miss Clara Schwartz was appointed to service in Africa and Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall were appointed to service in Argentina.

The Sumneys and the Roy Snyders (approved in '48) sailed for France for language study and then on to Africa.

1949 1950



Roy and Ruth Snyder

1950

The Marvin Goodmans left for France and language study.

The Eddie Millers left for Brazil.

The board approved the preliminary applications of Rev. and Mrs. John W. Zielasko for service in Brazil.

A motion prevailed that our society begin its work immediately in the Baja California field, or as soon thereafter as our approved missionaries can go.

These missionaries were approved as "ready to go": Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haag to open a new work in Baja California; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller, Africa; Miss Marian Thurston, Africa; and Miss Edith Geske, Africa.



African Pastor to Grace Seminary for Further Study

by John W. Zielasko

The Brethren Churches in Africa have appealed to us for help. They recognize the need for their pastors to receive seminary training, but there is no way to accomplish that goal unless we help them. Eventually the church in Africa hopes to have its own seminary and plans are now being prepared to launch that ambitious project. But until a few men receive their training in the U.S., they cannot hope to staff a seminary with qualified professors.

Our partnership agreement with our African Brethren has resulted in the training at Grace Seminary of one man, Pierre Yougouda. He is now the chairman of the Educational Commission in the African Church and is doing a commendable job for the Lord.



Now the African National Conference has chosen another pastor to come to the U.S. for training at Grace. The Brethren in Africa have agreed to raise offerings in their churches and to contribute \$1,000 a year toward his living expenses.

I was present at the African Executive Committee meetings on April 2 and 4. At the close of those sessions, the moderator of the African Fellowship of Brethren Churches (Eglise Evangelique des Freres), Pastor Noel Gaiwaka, invited me to stand. He made a little speech thanking the churches in America for helping them in the education of their pastors. He then presented to me a check for \$1,000 which represents their contribution toward this project for 1980-81.

Pastor Ndomale Josef and his family will arrive in the United States just prior to national conference and will be housed in the mission residence at Winona Lake, Indiana, for the time spent at Grace.

If you would like to have a share in the education of this African brother, please give through your church or send your gift directly to the Foreign Mission office, marked "African Student Fund."



news report

From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and the Evangelical Press Association

□ Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church, Cherry Valley, Calif., had a very successful stewardship seminar with Stewardship Representative Henry Rempel in February.

□ Pastor and Mrs. James Dixon led a group of 29 members and friends of the Temple Hills Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md., on a recent 10-day trip to the Holy Land. The group was a part of the Grace Alumni Tour which left on March 15 and returned on March 25.

□ On March 16 the members of the Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif., officially voted to become the Grace Brethren Church of Norwalk. Dr. Nickolas Kurtaneck, pastor.



□ Larry Richeson was licensed to the Brethren ministry at a special service at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, Sunday, March 9. Those of the Wooster church assisting in this service included (left to right in picture) Don Streit, Pastor Ashman, Russell Richeson (father of Larry), Dan Fetter, Gary Crow, and Moderator Miles Firestone. Pastor Richeson serves at the Winona, Minn., Grace Brethren Church. He, with his wife, Norma (formerly of Fort

Wayne, Ind.), have two children—Russell and Christine. Mr. Richeson attended Grace College and Seminary.

□ Brethren National Youth Conference for 1980 registration DEADLINE is June 15. The fee of \$35 and registration form must be in the GBC Christian Education office or post marked no later than June 15. Forms available at your local Grace Brethren church or by writing GBC Christian Education, P.O. Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

□ A new Grace Brethren Church is being organized in Ventura, Calif., under the direction of the Grace Brethren Church of Simi Valley. Any information regarding interested people in the area should be sent to Grace Brethren Church, P.O. Box 3732, Ventura, Calif. 93006, or phone Arthur Burk—805/985-8020.

deaths

Death notices must be submitted in writing by the pastor.

BENSON, Mabel, April 8, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

HURLEY, Marie, April 17, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

JOHNSON, Edith, 79, April 9, Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa. William Snell, pastor.

KNUPP, Carl, Jan. 5, Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Don Rough, pastor.

MOSER, Dorothy, Feb. 10, Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Don Rough, pastor.

PARTON, Lorene, 80, April 11, Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash. Charles Winter, pastor.

PUTZIER, Eldon, 60, Nov. 17, member of Grace Brethren Church, Winona, Minn. Larry Richeson, pastor.

RAGER, Adam H., 65, April 18. A Brethren minister for 30 years, Mr. Rager served Grace Brethren churches at Lakewood, Calif., and Albany, Oreg. He was a member of the Clearbrook Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va., and had been ill for the last 8 years. The memorial service was conducted at the Pike Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., with Pastors Kenneth Koontz, Dean Risser and Don Rager, participating.

REIGHARD, Ethel, 82, Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa. Don Rager, pastor.

RUSSELL, Mary, 54, March 29, Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa. William Snell, pastor.

ROBINSON, Herbert, March 20, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

WARD, Glenn, Feb. 23, member of Valley Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. Daniel Eshleman, pastor.

WINES, Rachael Elizabeth, Jan. 3, age 6, Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church, Cherry Valley, Calif. Rachael was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wines. Daryl Baker, pastor.

YOUNT, Irene, April 8, member of North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. Tad Hobert, pastor.

meetings

□ Dr. Robert B. Collitt, stewardship counselor for the Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service, will be speaking at the following Grace Brethren churches: Hope Grace Brethren Church, Dillsburg, Pa., June 29 to July 2, Lee Dice, pastor; and at the Grace Brethren Church of Lititz, Lititz, Pa., July 6-9, Jerry Young, pastor.

□ Considering new hymnals for your church? The Herald Bookstore will be happy to send samples and quote prices. For complete details, write to Charles Koontz, Herald Bookstore, P.O. Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

marriages

Hearty congratulations to, and may God's blessings rest always upon, these new families who join the *Brethren Missionary Herald* readership. A six-month free subscription to the *Herald* is given to newlyweds whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Nancy Emch and Daniel Green, Aug. 25, Grace Brethren Church, Worthington, Ohio.

Gloria Goldchain and Carl Henning, March 8, Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, Temple Hills, Md.

Giles and Rita Nelson, March 8, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Debbie Faix and Scott Weidman, March 15, Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, Temple Hills, Md.

Julie Millen and August Roth, March 22, Grace Brethren Church, Winona, Minn.

Karon Edwards and Larry Rowe, March 23, Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, Temple Hills, Md.

Holly Hayes and Charles Logan, March 29, Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa.

Randy and Alison Halberg, March 29, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Christina Medina and Rickey Wood, March 29, Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church, Cherry Valley, Calif.

Bob and Brenda Bowman, April 3, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Jim and Kathy Gordon, April 11, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

□ The people of the Grace Brethren Church in Minerva, Ohio, are thrilled with their new Christian Education unit that they occupied and dedicated on April 13, with Knute Larson as dedication speaker. This 3,360 square foot structure gives them 5 additional large classrooms with 4 of them opening up into a large fellowship area. Galen Wiley, pastor.



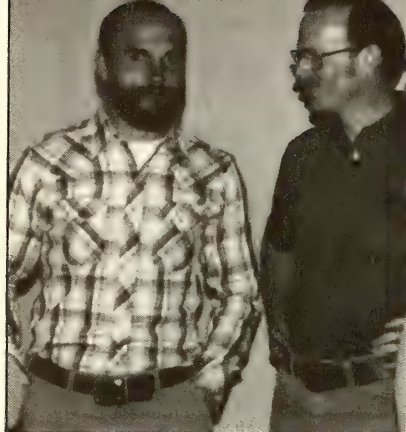
□ Looking for a youth director or assistant pastor? Confidential resumes are available upon request from GBC Christian Education, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Those seeking such positions may also contact the above address.



□ Associate Pastor Bud Olszewski was ordained into the Brethren ministry at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, on Sunday, March 9. Pastor Lee Dice, Dillsburg, Pa., was the guest speaker. Elders and leaders of the host church assisting in the ordination authorization were: Pastor Kenneth Ashman, Vice Moderator Dick Armstrong, Glenn Moore, and James Nettleton. Pastor Olszewski has been serving in the internship training program of the Wooster congregation. He is married to the former Ann Cochrell of the Wooster church. They have two children: Jennifer, age 2; and Joshua Joel, born March 25, 1980. Pastor Bud is a graduate of Grace College and holds the M.Div. degree from Grace Seminary.

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□ Michael Blakley, 613 N. Hawkins, Sanford, N.C. 27330. □ Warren Tamkin, Grace Brethren Church, Box 728, Island Pond, Vt. 05846. □ LaLoma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif. 95354. □ Daniel White, 1417 N.E. Paropa Court, Gresham, Ore. 97030. Tel. 503/665-0312.



On Saturday, April 5, Tim Inlow fell to his death while working on the new Home Missions church at Alta Loma, California. Those of us at the Brethren Home Missions Council were shocked and crushed at the news. Along with scores of others, the Brethren Home Missions Council wishes to express its sense of loss, along with its appreciation for the faithful service of this young man. Not only did Tim make a valuable contribution in the construction of the new church at Alta Loma, but he was a faithful partner in the establishment of the new Grace Brethren testimony at Riverside, California.

Since Tim's life, in recent months, had become so much a part of the ministry of Home Missions, we sought for some special way to enshrine his brief life in loving memory. While searching for just the right words to say, the following testimony was suggested by Brian Smith, Tim's pastor at Riverside. It is written by Cheryl Swift, a fellow member and friend, who has said it most eloquently. We submit it to you that you might know and love the memory of this fine young man who lost his life in the service of the King.

The story of one man and the difference he made.

We Have a Dream

by Cheryl Swift

His brown eyes flashed—a sparkle of excitement danced, yet something deeper, something not yet ready for words bubbled restlessly beneath the surface. Looking beyond me and the small group of friends that sat gathered around him, Tim gazed at the fireplace, his thoughts slowly taking form. Some call it a hope . . . a vision . . . a dream. After several moments of silence, he looked up, and speaking quietly and deliberately, as if searching his own soul, he murmured, “Each of us must search his own heart. . . . Are we willing to make the commit-

ment?” His words were full and hung heavily in the still, quiet room, and we all looked at one another searching our own hearts for the answer. Suddenly, an animated smile broke out across Tim's face and in his mischievous manner we were to grow to love, he piped teasingly, “Hey, what's to eat? I'm starved!”

That night a dream was born: a consuming desire to build a church and reach out to the wounded and hurting people living with us in our home town, Riverside, California. That hope, that vision, that “dream” we all shared, was personified in Tim Inlow.

As the days passed, the Lord took that dream and, as a sculptor carefully labors over his precious piece of clay, He molded that tiny group into a beautiful and growing church. As the rainy winter days gave way to a warm new spring, our hearts swelled with joy. The excitement we all felt was expressed by Tim as he arrived early for every meeting, bounding through the door with his beautiful baby daughter, Hallie, bundled up in his tanned arms; and with Mary, his

simple, perfectly suited helpmeet, trying to keep up with him. A strong pillar they were in our building; the very cornerstone to the dream we all shared.

His enthusiasm and laughter filled the room with a warmth that we could all feel; even the most serious discussions were punctuated with Tim's witty humor. One such hilarious evening was when Pastor Brian announced the individual duties of our four brand-new elders. “And Tim,” Brian announced soberly, yet unable to conceal the twinkle in the corner of his eye. “I believe Tim has the unique and rare, God-given talent of being . . .” Pastor Brian swallowed and shuffled his feet, “—of being—our—our—*janitor*.” An awkward silence fell for a moment, but Tim was not to be outdone or at a loss for words. “Well, then, Boss, I'd better get my overalls on!” he chuckled, pretending to swing a long, heavy key chain laden with hundreds of keys. “I'll be sure to carry my Tidy-Bowl with me,” he grinned. The men were in hysterics. And true to his word, Tim was a marvelous “key man.”

As the weeks passed, a new maturity appeared in Tim's life. The rough edges began to disappear as his life took on a new direction and goal. His boyishness gave way to a new depth and security as he strove to fulfill the responsibilities God had now given him both as a father and now as an elder.

"Land," Tim wisely urged us. "We need to buy some land. That's the future of our church." And though there were just a handful of us, with even a smaller amount of money, Tim set out in search of our land. I suppose to most of us, owning our own land seemed an impossibility; but to Tim, it was a reality. As a carpenter, he was probably already designing and building our church mentally. Little did he know, that although he would never draw the plans or pound the nails for his beloved church, he would still play an important role in its development and build it by a means neither he, nor any of us, would ever dream of. Yes, Tim would have a profound and immeasurable part in the building of our church, for you see, while working on another Brethren church at Alta Loma, his Heavenly Father, the Master Builder of churches . . . of men . . . of lives . . . took Tim home to be with Him.

They say that the mightier and higher a building reaches into the sky, the deeper into the earth the foundation must go. Our foundation has been dug deeper, and narrower, and more painfully than any of us expected, but then only God knows how high that building will go.

Right now Tim is probably smiling and boyishly surveying the wonders of his new home in heaven. I'm sure its architecture and craftsmanship excels anything that Tim has ever seen. But for us in Riverside, Tim's greatest achievement was not in the works of his hands, but the dream we shared together.

Growth Consultant Joins BHMC Staff



Rev. William W. Smith, former pastor of the North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church, has joined the staff of Brethren Home Missions as a personal assistant to the executive secretary. Receiving unanimous acceptance from the Council's board of directors, Mr. Smith began this official capacity March 17, 1980.

As personal assistant to Dr. Lester E. Pifer, Mr. Smith's main function will be assisting home mission pastors in establishing solid growth in their local church. Being able to spend a concentrated time period with home mission pastors, Bill Smith will try to share his experience as an evangelist and pastor with young men who may need personal counsel and direction.

Prior to his new staff position with the Brethren Home Missions Council, Bill Smith served over 20 years as an evangelist and filled 2 pastorates at Compton, California; and North Kokomo, Indiana. In the 29 months that Bill pastored the North Kokomo church, he saw attendance grow from under 20 to over 120. Bill was also able to take this initially struggling home mission church and bring it to a full self-supporting status before his departure on December 31, 1979. Possibly the greatest tribute to Bill's ministry at Kokomo was his ability to establish a foundation for growth within the congregation and train an associate pastor who now, as the senior pastor, leads the North Kokomo Brethren into greater church growth.

The Brethren Home Missions Council is delighted to have Rev. Bill Smith as part of our church planting team and considers his involvement a tremendous asset to our ministry of planting vibrant local churches.



Left: Alcoholism is a major problem of many Indian groups. It affects not only the individuals involved, but also the members of their families.

Below: Government-sponsored work programs, such as this work crew sponsored by CETA, help to alleviate the unemployment problem of Indians. But at best, such programs only meet the need temporarily. Permanent work opportunities are needed.



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A recent issue of *United Evangelical Action* pointed out some facts that should stir the hearts of Brethren. Mr. Tom Claus, a Mohawk Indian and president of CHIEF (Christian Hope Indian-Eskimo Fellowship), authored an article which demonstrated the need for Indian evangelism.

Mr. Claus reminded us that while there are 850,000 Indians in the United States today, there were at least 14 times that number before Columbus came to the New World, or approximately 12 million. Of the present Indian population, there are 496 tribes living on 267 reservations and speaking 250 different languages.

Malnutrition and related diseases afflict 75 percent of the Indian population and one-third die before the age of 6 months. The average life span of an Indian male is 44 years. Suicide among Indian teenagers is 100 times the rate of that of white teens. Alcoholism is a major problem and accounts for 50 percent of the recorded deaths on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona alone.

Of the total Indian school-age population, the Federal government is considered responsible for the education of two-thirds. There are 50,000 Indian children in 226 Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools and 100,000 in public schools. Private or mission schools account for 9,000 students and 20,000 chil-

dren do not attend school at all. In the adult population, unemployment may run as high as 90 percent during the winter months and much of the employment at other times is under government trainee programs.

These statistics should soften our hearts with the need of reaching these 850,000 Americans. Only Christ can give hope to the Indians' future. Only Christ can transform an Indian's life and give him victory over sin.

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, under the ministry of Brethren Home Missions, is attempting to reach a segment of America's spiritually lost Indians. The Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School at Counselor, New Mexico, is a ministry among the Navajo Indians of the great Southwest. The Navajo tribe represents nearly one-fourth of the total Indian population.

The Brethren Navajo Mission, with its staff of over 15 missionaries, is ministering to the very heart of the Indians' problems (sin). The Navajo Mission School, with an enrollment of 120, is providing an education at the elementary level

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that will equip Navajo young people to accept the challenges of their generation with a confidence in God. The church-planting ministry provides opportunity for spiritual maturity and growth for the entire family, enabling them to cope with the problems so unique to Indian culture.

The Brethren Navajo Mission, under the direction of the Brethren Home Missions Council, believes God when He says, "He is not willing that any should perish." Evangelizing America includes the "first Americans." The task is too big for a few, but as concerned Brethren across this land pray and work together, we can make an impact for God's glory.

The Brethren Navajo Mission is facing some new challenges in the eighties. Will we be able to provide a Christian high school for our graduating eighth graders? Could we develop a recreation center with a Christian witness? How many new churches can we start in surrounding areas? These are questions we face. With God's help, and your prayers, we are eagerly anticipating the answers!

Orlando: Trying Something New Worked!



An "evening" service at 1:30 p.m.? Although there may have been a few skeptics at first, the Orlando Grace Brethren Church tried it—and now like it!

With Florida gas at \$1.25 per gallon and 75 percent of the Orlando congregation driving 15-20 miles one way to church, Pastor Ed Jackson and his church council became concerned about transportation costs. Willing to try something new, the church unanimously voted to move the evening service to 1:30 p.m.—thus requiring only one round-trip drive to church on Sundays. Beginning the new schedule in December of 1979, the morning worship service is followed by a potluck dinner and then an early afternoon service. And, according to Pastor Ed, "It's great!"

Meeting in the afternoon has dramatically affected the second service attendance. At the start of 1980's second quarter, afternoon attendance ranged from 75-80—a high percentage for a church with about 120 morning attenders.

A willingness to change methods is just one of the interwoven attitudes of this growing home mission church. Love, concern, and prayerfulness are a few others. "A friend once said that 'if you want to share in Ed Jackson's church, you have to take a number!' He was being facetious, but I think behind the joking is a concept that is significant to our church's growth," states Pastor Ed. "Our people have really grown together in a oneness of spirit. Burdens are shared, requests are prayerfully remembered and there is no doubt in anyone's mind that God is working in the lives of our people."

The structure of Orlando's services encourages fellowship. Within the Sunday afternoon service are 20-30 minutes programmed for sharing. "It's just a really good time of praises and requests. Everyone is uplifted as we hear and see how God is working in and through this local body," says Ed.

Cottage prayer meetings also contribute to this spirit of oneness. Dividing the ministry area into four zones, Pastor Ed Jackson has disciplined four men as zone pastors. These men lead the midweek cottage prayer meetings according to their zones and also are "shepherds" for the sheep in their particular zone. Cottage prayer meetings consist of a brief 15-minute Bible study, about 20 minutes of sharing, and the remainder of the hour and a half is devoted to prayer requests and small-group praying.

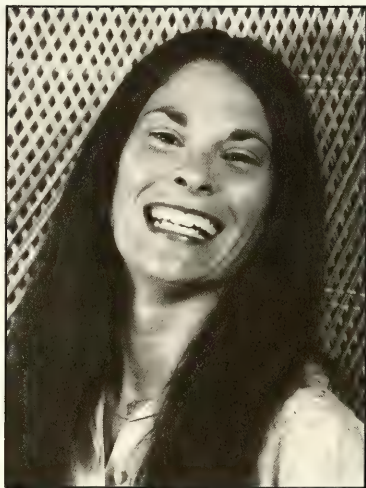
Since arriving on the field on June 1, 1979, Pastor Ed and his wife, Polly, have seen the church grow from 40 to over 120. "Accelerated growth" summarizes the results at Orlando as the church met or surpassed all of their 1980 Home Missions goals during the 1980 first quarter. Home Missions financial goals for 1981 were also superseded as the church now receives close to \$900 in weekly offerings.

The vision of the Orlando Grace Brethren Church is seen not only in their own growth but also in their desire to extend their ministry into another community. For more than six months the Orlando church has been working with a group of believers in Melbourne, Florida, organizing a Bible class which will soon be Orlando's first branch church. When the Orlando congregation voted to move their second Sunday service to early afternoon, they did so encouraging Pastor Ed to drive to Melbourne on Sunday evenings to lead the group there. Meeting with the Melbourne class on Sunday evenings and midweek, Ed has seen the group grow to almost 20.

Anyone acquainted with the previous ministries of Ed Jackson knows that he is a discipler of men, and this is the thrust of his ministry at Orlando. Working with six men, four of whom are zone pastors, Ed meets weekly with them and encourages his disciples in the things of the Lord. In Ed's words, "That's really my ministry here at Orlando—spending time with men!"

Pray that: 1. The church will be able to effectively evangelize their immediate community. 2. The spirit of oneness will continue. 3. The Melbourne believers will have wisdom as they seek a full-time pastor.

Editor's Note: Michelle Sheer was part of the musical group "The Mt. of Olives" and presented fine Jewish music at many of Bet Emet's meetings. Michelle loves to share her testimony and gives constant help and encouragement to the missionaries at the Brethren Messianic Testimony.



The Testimony of Michelle Sheer

I was raised in an orthodox Jewish home in Cleveland, Ohio. My father was strong and strict, but he loved his family very much. We attended an orthodox synagogue. I sat in the back with my mother and sister, while my father and brother sat up front. I remember going to a Hebrew school twice a week, Sunday school, and *Shabbas* service Saturday night and Sunday morning.

I realized there was something different about me when I was in the third grade. We lived in a tiny neighborhood and coming back from school one day children threw sticks and stones at me. My eyes are slightly slanted and the children called me a "chinky-Jew, Christ-killer." Being sensitive, skinny, and scrawny, I ran home crying, "Mom,

I didn't kill anybody," and I told her what had happened. She said, "Of course, you didn't. Jesus is no more than a prophet and your eyes will be an asset to you." She wiped the tears away and three weeks later we moved into an entirely different neighborhood. It was a Jewish area called Cleveland Heights. It was then my father instructed me that I was to meet only Jewish boys and have only Jewish friends. It was easy for me to do that because in my high school graduating class of almost 1,025, 950 were Jewish. So it was obvious that I had no difficulty in this social matter. I also joined B'nai Brith Girls in which I was able to meet nice Jewish guys. Mom and Dad were happy because we were in a "Jewish world." We continued to

attend services but as we grew older, Dad stopped going and we also stopped. My sister and I were confirmed and my brother was bar mitzvahed, but I somehow sensed that I lacked something. I knew there was a God and remembered so many times reciting *Shema Yisrael, Adonai Elohemu, Adonai Echad*. "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one."

I was in my first year of college when I met a nice Jewish boy. The usual thing happens when a nice Jewish boy meets a nice Jewish girl—they have a nice big Jewish wedding. We were married in a country club atmosphere. My parents would not have the wedding in a *Shule* because kosher food would have been too expensive.

My husband wanted to study law so we moved to California. I had a degree in early childhood education and was given a job in a preschool—mopping floors!

I met a Christian lady there who knew I was Jewish. She once asked me, "Did you know that the Messiah has come?" I replied, "No, He hasn't. My brother told me that the Messiah was going to come and when He does all the good Jews are going to rise and we are going to live in the land of Israel." She inquired of me, "What's going to happen to everyone else?" I said, "I don't know, we're all Jewish!" She said, "Oh, did you know Jesus was the Messiah?" I said, "No, He was a prophet and I was called 'Christ-killer' when I was little and He is no more than a prophet!" She asked me if I talked to God. I said, "Oh, yes, all the time." She asked me in my spare time to ask God about Jesus. I continued, "I was born a Jew, why would He change me? We are a chosen people. . . ." She said, "I am not arguing with you. Just ask God."

I asked God about Jesus one day when I was at home. I said, "Here I am God, You made me, shall I become Christian?" Two weeks later I was searching for a new job, and was called into a church school. There I met a nice lady. I refrained from telling her that I was Jewish as I feared she would not hire me. She was impressed with my qualifica-

tions and wanted to hire me, but asked if I was a Christian. I told her I wasn't. She invited me to return Sunday night for church. I really needed the job because my husband was in law school studying full time, so I agreed. Upon meeting this lady at the appointed time, she informed me that my righteousness was as filthy rags. I looked at her and retorted that I was a good Jewish person. "I didn't kill or hurt anybody. See how good I am? I am just trying to help my husband through law school. I'm good!" She said, "I'm just trying to tell you what it says in the Old Testament!" She gave me the Gospel of John, which I later threw away. I thought that she was crazy. In no way was I a sinner. I thought, "I am a great person; I am Jewish; God made me that way, and that's that!"

In spite of my negative reaction, they hired me.

At work, my little four year olds recited John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." As I observed these children, I thought they are either Communists or fascists. "Why do they teach these kids this stuff?" But I told myself now is the time to fake it. When the children were napping, I began to look through the Bible. It said that we must be like children. Three weeks later I looked through a Living Bible. I read about the transfiguration of Jesus where He was talking to Moses. It dawned on me that if Moses was going to be the Messiah (as my brother who was studying to be a rabbi taught me), why wasn't Moses transfigured talking to Jesus and Elijah; not Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah? I knew then that Jesus had to be far greater

than Moses could ever be. Recalling what that lady said, "Confess you are a sinner and ask Jesus into your life," I looked around, and up, and said to God, "I've got the truth here, Jesus really is the Messiah." I asked Jesus into my heart. I told Him it would have to be our secret because I was the only Jew there who knew this. I told one of the teachers that I accepted Jesus as my Messiah. She was overjoyed. I told her, "Sure, you are a Gentile and you knew this all the time." She emphatically told me that not everyone does know Him.

I was married to a Jewish man who would "kill" me if I told him about my belief in Jesus as the Messiah. This would have to be a secret between the Lord and me, but God had other plans. At dinner that night my husband smiled at me and said, "I know you accepted Jesus." I had in no way let him

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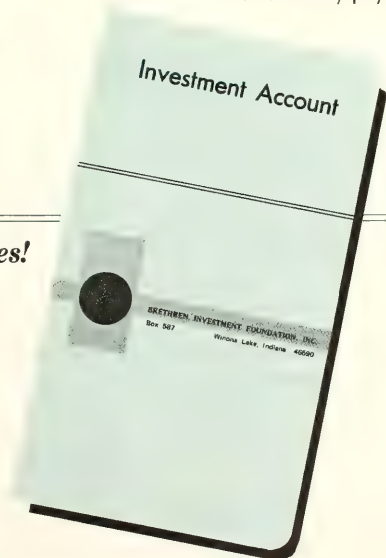
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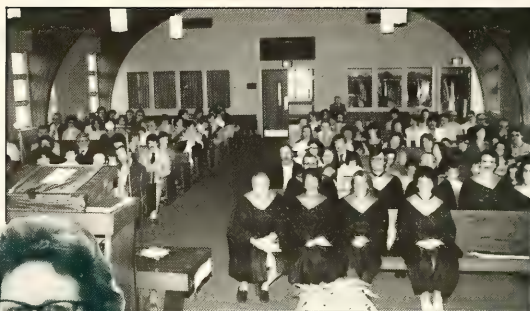


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Pastor Lee and Lynette Myers



by Pastor M. Lee Myers

The pathway to maturity or in reaching goals is often rocky and filled with pitfalls. There are advances and retreats; heartaches and blessings. But where there is faith and faithfulness, and the goal is ever kept in view, there will be eventual success.

That in Brief Is the Story of the Grace Brethren Church of Davenport, Iowa.

First, we want to express thanksgiving to our great God and Saviour who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. What a privilege and joy to be in the family of God and to be working with other Christians at the Grace Brethren Church of Davenport for the calling and maturing of saints.

We also take this opportunity to thank the Brethren Home Missions Council, and Dr. Lester E. Pifer for their wise and godly counsel, prayers, financial support and

Faithfulness Brings Results

Editor's Note: In the short two and a half years that Pastor Lee Myers has been at the Davenport, Iowa, Grace Brethren Church, a very solid growth barrier has begun to tumble. In two years, Sunday morning worship attendance has increased from 78 to over 102. Composite membership has increased 23 percent and this once-struggling home mission church is now self-supporting.

Commenting on his first impressions, Pastor Lee Myers wrote the Council in December of 1977:

It's the biggest challenge of my life (accepting the pastorate at Davenport)! First, I must try to encourage the people. They feel overly

pressed financially and some are even leaving . . .

However, I believe the Lord has directed me and that He is going to give victories eventually. If I didn't believe that, I would consider myself a good candidate for psychiatric treatment.

Pastor Myers was right; God called him to Davenport and the victories have arrived. The Brethren Home Missions Council rejoices with the progress of this home mission church (now self-supporting) and eagerly looks forward to the continued growth God has planned for this Grace Brethren church.

encouragement. As a pastor, I am convinced, the Brethren Home Missions Council is doing an outstanding work in building fundamental, evangelical testimonies with the limited funds available.

We praise the Lord for each of the servants He sent to minister at Davenport Grace—for Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, Rev. Richard Grant and Rev. True Hunt who held Bible classes periodically from 1952 to 1959.

We thank God for Pastor Carl Key, the first full-time pastor and for pastors Frank Gardner, Donald Brotherton, and Ronald Weimer. Each of these men had a special ministry, used of the Lord in building His church in Davenport.

Under the leadership of Pastor Key, a small church building was erected in 1962. It was the site of many spiritual blessings, but it soon proved too small for a growing congregation.

In 1973, a second larger structure (the present church) was begun under the pastoral guidance of Ron Weimer. It was dedicated to the Lord in August of 1974. The cost with a three and one-half acre lot approximated \$190,000. The cost at today's inflated prices would possibly be double that amount.

Currently (first quarter of 1980), the Grace Brethren

Church of Davenport, Iowa, is enjoying its largest Sunday worship and composite growth averages, 126 and 109, respectively. On Palm Sunday, the largest communion was realized with 97 (including chil-

dren). God blessed with 17 decisions during the first quarter of this year.

Our God has been good. We anticipate even greater blessings in the future, should He tarry.



THE TESTIMONY (Continued from page 19)

know this. I thought, "Oh, no!" and asked how he knew. He said, "By the look on your face." He then told me he would not talk to me for three days or even look at me. I was afraid that when my mother and father found out, they would also "kill" me. I thought I was going to have to go through a divorce, and wondered, "What's going to happen to me?"

Time went on and God was good. Again He had other plans. While my husband was studying at home one night, there was a knock at the door. When he opened it, there stood a man and a woman who we did not know. They introduced themselves as Stan and Yvonne Ross. Stan said he was Jewish and believed in Jesus. I thought, "Oh,

another one." Ron, my husband, invited them in and we talked for five hours. After they left, Ron asked if I had seen the light in Stan's eyes. I went to the mirror to see if I had that same glow.

Ron, as lawyers are prone to do, spent 11 months with Stan researching and studying the Scripture in his analytical way. He set out to prove that Jesus was not the Messiah according to the Scripture. He could not accept Him as I did. His faith had to be solidly based in the Bible. Finally, he, too, received Jesus. He was convinced by God's Word.

I am thankful today that he knows his Messiah. Also, I am thankful that I am not the only Jew who believes.

A Word from the Moderator

by Jesse B. Deloe

"One of the positive things about this meeting was the fact that the men could sit down and discuss these matters together."

That was the comment of one of the members of the special committee appointed by last year's conference to study the matter of church growth in our Fellowship. Seventeen men spent more than 14 hours in intense study and discussion of such questions as:

"Why are some of our churches growing? Why are others apparently not growing?"

"What in our conference organization contributes to our growth and the fulfilling of the Great Commission and what may hinder those objectives?"

"How do the cooperating organizations of our Fellowship contribute to church growth?"

"What is it that makes the Grace Brethren Church distinctive? What is the basis of our unity?"

"What are the relationships between our conference, the districts, the local churches, the national boards, our schools, and so forth? Are they good relationships? Can they be improved?"

The discussions were frank, forthright, with "no holds barred," and, consequently, very helpful. The fellowship among the committeemen was heartwarming in spite of differences of opinion or viewpoint in certain areas, and all the actions of the committee were by unanimous vote.

Recommendations to be presented in the committee's report at the annual conference in July will center around three or four major areas of concern.

1. The Annual Conference of

the Fellowship. Inefficiency and ineffectiveness are restrictions to church growth. How, then, can our organization and operation of conference be improved? Several recommendations from the committee will suggest reorganization of the conference and the Fellowship with the realigning of committee responsibilities. The overriding purpose is to do away with time-consuming, nonessential "busyness"; while providing a simplified means of carrying on the necessary business of the Fellowship.

2. The Cooperating Organizations of the Fellowship. At least nine agencies are recognized by the conference as cooperating organizations, but there has not existed a set of criteria by which an organization can be evaluated for inclusion on that list. The committee will recommend such criteria to the conference.

3. The Doctrinal Position of the Fellowship. Recognizing that sincere and spiritually minded men may disagree about the proper understanding of Scripture, but that there must be a standard and objective doctrinal statement which identifies the position of the FGBC, the committee has reaffirmed the GBC "Statement of Faith" as the essential position of our Fellowship and encourages all churches and examining boards to reaffirm their commitments to it likewise. It will also be recommended that this "Statement of Faith" be incorporated in the FGBC Constitution (we were surprised to find that it is not; it exists only as a separate document).

4. The Spiritual Motivation of the Fellowship. Two further resolutions were agreed upon by the



committee in its final session. The first was the reaffirmation of "personal obedience in holiness and in the Great Commission of our Lord as the high calling for the Christian and the churches" and the calling of "our churches to work together in love and visible unity under that command, praying for the Spirit's impetus and gracious fellowship of love in this mission." The second was the proposal you read on the opposite page. All of the groups, boards, and schools represented on the committee are united in calling the members of our Fellowship to prayer. No organization is being formed; no promotion is being undertaken; we're simply appealing to you to pray regularly for the four areas suggested. Prayer for your Fellowship will certainly include asking God for clear leading in the consideration of the study committee's report at conference, July 27-August 1, in Winona Lake, Indiana.

A personal word: I'd be delighted to meet you at conference. Come, consider the biblical theme "To whom much is given..." (Luke 12:48) and an exposition of 1 Corinthians 4. Enjoy the fellowship of 1,000 faithful Grace Brethren friends. Meet dozens of home and foreign missionaries and hear their challenges. Be blessed by reports from schools, boards, and agencies. Be involved in "gearing up for growth" in the FGBC.

I'm looking forward to seeing YOU!

119:80-81

A Call to prayer please!

In the light of the kind of time it is, and the evidences of need and poverty along with trends of joy and growth in Christ in our churches and Fellowship, we are urging everyone to come together daily to ask God's special grace and power in our lives and churches. Please join the discipline!

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All groups, boards, and schools are joining hands and hearts to share these special concerns and seek God's powerful help! Would you and your church join us in '80-'81 as we turn to Him?

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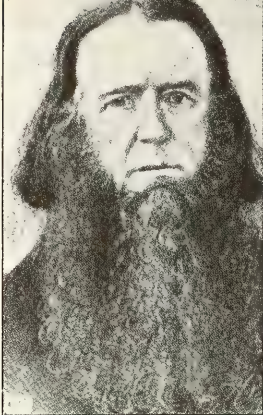
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Psalm 119:80-81 **Let my heart be sound in thy statutes, that I be not ashamed.
My soul fainteth for Thy salvation, but I hope in Thy word.**



Elder Jacob Fahrney (1798-1848), Antietam congregation, Maryland. Reproduction from a daguerrotype taken in 1848. Original daguerrotype apparently lost. Earliest copy appears on page 311 of H. R. Holsinger, *History of the Tunkers and the Brethren Church*. Also appears (copied from Holsinger copy) in J. Maurice Henry, *History of the Church of the Brethren in Maryland*.

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Do you have engravings or artwork of Brethren scenes?

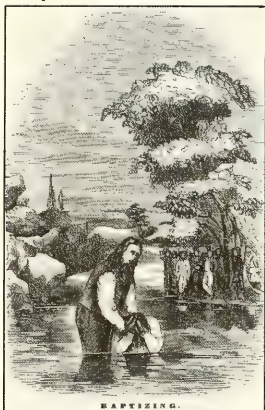
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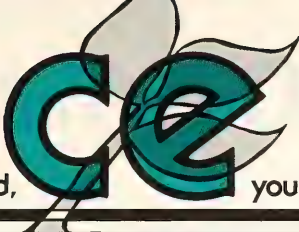
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Inside tent, annual meeting, Ashland, Ohio, 1881. The last annual meeting before the division. One of the best and most revealing early annual meeting photos. Original print in sepia tone in the Brethren Historical Library and Archives, Elgin, Illinois.





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You pitch in on socials with the youth group, and have dedicated your family room to the Lord.

You teach four year olds in children's church and ring the bell of joy in the minds of these people Christ loves in a special way.

We remember last spring when you sold that refrigerator and gave \$125 extra to send Jim, from

your church, out with 54 other teens on "Operation Barnabas." What a summer he had! And he painted 2 church bathrooms, mowed 2 fields by hand, taught at 4 VBSs, led 8 people to faith, memorized 18 verses, preached 2 sermons, slept in 15 homes to share joy and on 14 church pews. Thanks, Father.

You are what makes the church be the body, the way you shake hands, dart toward new people, seek to help with follow-up of new believers, and sing with gusto.

From CE, and for your local church, thank you. Man, we die without you!

Oh, families can make it without your heart, with the strategy of 1 Peter 3 and the love and support of others in the church.

But you make it really work, and special. Thank you tons.

And have a very good Father's Day!

Glad to be one, too!

Knute Larson

CE STAFF: Welcome to **Marilyn Johnson**, just back from Brazil and her parents, George and Evelyn Johnson, to serve as our shipping and printing person. . . . Also to **Carmen Garling Franchino**, added to the secretarial staff as of April 28. . . . **Doug Koontz**, of Charles and Alice Koontz, now helps a few hours each afternoon with maintenance while studying at Grace. . . . **Ed Lewis** and **Kevin Huggins**, with six of our youth pastors, recently took in a "Reach Out" seminar on discipleship, and with great joy! Ask one of them for the notes on dangers of a youth group! . . . **Knute Larson** recently spoke for the dedication of the Minerva, Ohio, GBC new building. . . . Our special thanks to **Debbi Neuenschwander**, who "retires" to wiring with her college-husband, Jeff.

GBC Christian Education has expanded to Saturday hours to serve you better. As of May 3, we are open from 8-12 for your Saturday orders and calls. Just another way we're hoping to help!



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Itinerary

JUNE 11-18

(ORIENTATION) MYERSTOWN, PA.

JUNE 18-21 DILLSBURG, PA.

JUNE 21-22 HARRISBURG, PA.

JUNE 22-25 NEW HOLLAND, PA.

JUNE 25-28 WRIGHTSVILLE, PA.

JUNE 28-29 LITITZ, PA.

JUNE 29-JULY 2 . ELIZABETHTOWN, PA.

JULY 2-5 (Fourth

of July—day off) . TELFORD, PA.

JULY 5-6 PHILADELPHIA, PA. (THIRD)

JULY 6-9 PHILADELPHIA, PA. (FIRST)

JULY 9-12 BETHLEHEM, PA.

JULY 12-17 IRASBURG, VT.

JUNE 18-25

(ORIENTATION) MARTINSBURG, PA.

JUNE 25-28 CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

JUNE 28-29 WINCHESTER, VA.

JUNE 29-JULY 2 . ALEXANDRIA, VA.

JULY 2-5 COVINGTON, VA.

JULY 5-6 ROANOKE, VA. (GHENT)

JULY 6-9 ROANOKE, VA. (PATTERSON)

JULY 9-12 ROANOKE, VA. (WASH. HTS.)

JULY 12-13 BUENA VISTA, VA.

JULY 13-16 RICHMOND, VA.

JULY 16-19

(18—day off) . . . VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

JULY 19-20 TEMPLE HILLS, MD.

JULY 20-24 LANHAM, MD.

CE Convention 1980

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6:45 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

11:15 A.M.

12:30

2:00 P.M.

3:30 P.M.

7:00 P.M.

Regular Conference Sessions

**AWARDS
CELEBRATION**
Annual CE Awards
Dedication of new
CE Headquarters
Soloist:
Glenna Barr
BILLY SUNDAY
TABERNACLE

S U N

**PASTORS
AND WIVES
BREAKFAST**

Speaker:
Dr. Kenneth Gangel

Walk Thru the

RODEHEAVER AUDITORIUM

The Best
of
Leadership
Winona Hotel
Dining Room
6:45 a.m.

Premarital
Counseling
Knutte Larson
David Goodman

Setting and
Reaching Goals
David Hocking

Trends in
Christian
Education
Dr. Kenneth Gangel
Miami Christian
College

WINONA LAKE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

Planning for
CE in the 1980s
Dr. Glen Heck
David C. Cook
Publishing

Assimilating
New Members
and Attendees
Edwin Cashman

The Church
Board of Elders
Knutte Larson
Charles Ashman

WINONA LAKE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

The Membership
Process
Roy Halberg
Bernie Simmons

Anointing,
Baptism, and
Baby Dedication
Jerry Young
David Plaster

Inspiring
Teaching
Rodney Toews
Gospel Light
Publishing

WINONA LAKE GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

M O N D A Y

L U N E

New Testament

M. Max Anders, Guide

Youth in the
Church
Dawson McAllister
Shepherd Productions

Youth:
the Challenge
Pat Hurley
P.J. Productions

SANCTUARY

Planning for CE
in the 1980s (III)
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Finances and
the Local Church
John Teevan

YOUTH CENTER

The Successful
Multiple Staff
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Successes in
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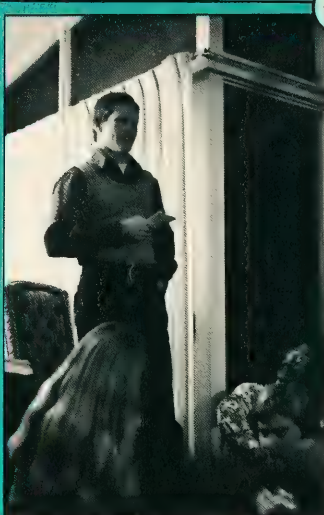
UPPER ROOM

**ANNUAL
PASTORS' WIVES
BREAKFAST**

Winona Hotel
Dining Room
6:30 a.m.

Regular Conference Sessions

T U E S



One subscriber/youth leader writes, "I really appreciate the quality writing being done and would like to be a part of this ministry . . ."

Some of Our Best Friends are — Youth and Their Leaders

No youth program changes lives.

Lives are being changed, though. Hundreds of them every week in our Grace Brethren churches and their active youth ministries.

Over 100 of these churches are utilizing a new resource available through GBC Christian Education in their youth ministries. It's called *CE Youth Programs*, a monthly packet with program guides for Sunday evening and midweek youth Bible study meetings and much more. Most of the materials are written by our own Brethren youth workers and have been used with success before they are published.

But it's not the materials that change lives. Change happens when youth meaningfully interact with God's Word and the changed lives of adult leaders. *CE Youth Programs* recognizes and aims at this. Many are finding it a good tool to make this kind of ministry happen in their own church.

Creatively relating teens and the Bible to such topics as: "What Does God Do All Day," "Life at Non-Christian High," "Pain," "The Horror Craze," "Funny Ideas People Have About Satan," and "Raising Your Parents." *CE Youth Programs* help youth workers address teen's real needs and interests. Ideas for monthly youth activities, drama, and puppet productions are also included in each monthly packet.

Gifts to the GBC Christian Education ministries and subscription fees help provide this tool for our Grace Brethren churches.

Subscriptions to *CE Youth Programs* are available by writing GBC Christian Education, P. O. Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

The Growing Church

by Milan Yerkovich, pastor
Saddleback Grace Brethren Church
Mission Viejo, California

Do you want your church to grow? God does, with real *soul winning* growth and not just collecting the fruit from someone else's basket. The pastor (leader) has to determine that his church is literally going to invade his community in the spirit of the early Jerusalem church in which they filled the city with the Gospel (Acts 5:28). This is what I call "aggressive obedience."

The dilemma that I faced was that I couldn't do it myself. I knew that I was to equip others to help,

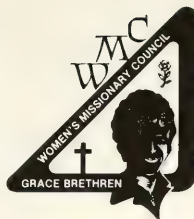
but I didn't have the resources or strategy to accomplish this goal.

The decision that I made was to attend an Evangelism Explosion III Clinic. Why try to "reinvent" the wheel? If other churches are growing dramatically, why can't we? Sure it cost a chunk, but as one of our businessmen said, "You have to spend money to make money." Made sense! At the clinic I was exposed to top quality materials, practical helps, and a strategy for motivation and organization.

The disciples are being made! We have 25 people sharing weekly. In the first quarter of 1980 we've baptized 18 and added 19 to our membership.

We're excited! How about you? Write to E. E. III International, P. O. Box 23820, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33307.





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Support of Jewish Missions

BIRTHDAY OFFERING
Money toward support of five women missionaries
as an honor for their years of service.

GOAL—\$1.50 per member
DUE—June 10, 1980

AUGUST 1980

(If no address is listed, the address will be found on pages 28 and 29 of the 1980 Grace Brethren Annual.)

AFRICA

Mrs. George Peters August 10
Rev. Bruce Paden August 26
Kirk Immel August 26, 1968

BRAZIL

Rev. Bill Burk August 5
Mrs. George Johnson August 10
Jeffrey Farnier August 20, 1967

FRANCE

Genette DeArme August 12, 1970
Rev. David Griffith August 26
Centre Missionaire, 50 rue des Galibouds,
73200—Albertville, France

GERMANY

Rev. David Manduka August 10

MEXICO

Rev. Jack B. Churchill August 20

IN THE UNITED STATES

Miss Ruth Kent August 21
Dr. J. P. Kliever August 21

Offering Opportunity

WMC OPERATION AND PUBLICATION OFFERING

GOAL—\$7,500

DUE—September 10, 1980

Monies from this offering are currently being spent to upgrade and revise WMC Pen Pointers; constitutional revision printing; Herald pages; new official stationery and post cards, as well as postage for all literature sent to local councils. Expenses were also paid for our president to attend both Home Missions spring workshops and a trip to encourage the Florida district to reorganize. In addition, new program packets are soon to be sent for your use in the coming WMC year.

Meet



Birthday Missionary

Ruth
Snyder

Realizing that God called you to Africa, what do you consider to be the best advantage of ministering in Africa as contrasted to doing the work of the Lord in the USA?

The people of the Central African Republic do not have the opportunities to hear the Word and study it like the folks here at home. There is not a church on every corner, or in every village. They still have to walk many miles to attend a meeting. There is still little literature besides the Bible. There are no Christian programs on radio and no television. People here in the United States have to consciously turn off hearing the Gospel. There are still many out there who have never heard the Gospel once.

Are there any disadvantages to serving in the C.A.R.?

Yes. One would never choose Central Africa as a place to live. We are there because we have a job to do and the Lord has called us there. But we would never think of retiring there! The weather is oppressive. The heat is very bad. February, March and April are the three hottest months in Bangui, when it averages 97 degrees. Then, there is a

lot of sickness. Missionaries often have lots of intestinal parasites and malaria. We take medicine daily to try to counteract these things.

How have your duties as a missionary changed since you first went to the field of Africa?

In the early days of life on the mission field we did everything in the district. Our lives were filled with conference work in the bush, youth work, adult work, teaching elementary Bible school, and preparing our own lessons as we went along. Then we realized that we were all duplicating each other. So we specialized. Some missionaries, for example, took youth work and visited all the districts, or at least more than just their own. Roy and I have been in the city of Bangui for 15 years. The ministry of the capital city is different. Ours is, for the most part, a service ministry to others. We run a guest house for missionaries and their guests. We shop for those "up country." We meet planes and care for those arriving; take care of the men who come to the "big city" without their wives; and so forth. Keeping the guest house running is another

job. Huge washings every week or possibly every few days, with 20-30 sheets at a time, are just part of keeping the guest house going. But this is not a full-time ministry, and the afternoons are used for training classes for the leaders of the WMC work. There are perhaps 2,000 women meeting each Thursday in the city of Bangui. I teach the leaders of the local groups who in turn teach the women.

Where is your home located in the C.A.R.?

We spent 15 years "up country" at the Bouca station, and now for the past 15 years we have been located at the capital city of Bangui, in the ministry just described.

Does the political situation there alter your everyday life? Will the change alter your work as you return?

The political situation hasn't changed any everyday occurrences yet, and we don't anticipate any problems. So far the government has been favorable to missionaries and to the Word of God. They have seen what it has done for their country. On the whole, missionaries are respected.

In your opinion, is there any way communication from local WMCs with missionaries could be more effective?

Communication by prayer is essential. Remember, we pray for you folks, too, so let us know some of your requests, as we do for you. Communicate through tapes and letters, not just birthday cards that are signed by the name of the group. Incidentally, communicate by air-mail. Our regular mail, which comes by boat, takes six months, or sometimes a year or more. Anyone who wants to communicate with me, could roll up a women's magazine that they've read and send it. Write and find out our own particular needs; these are not listed in any publication. Then pray for us as for yourself. Are you discouraged? Perhaps your missionary is, too. Are you weary and overly tied? Many times so is your missionary. Are you thrilled about what the Lord is doing in your life or the life of the church? So is your missionary.

I know prayer is important in a missionary's life. How can WMC ladies pray more effectively for you and your husband during your upcoming missionary term?

Pray for our own relationship with the Lord, that we stay close to Him and His Word. At times missionaries get too busy to have devotions.

Pray, too, for our relationships with the Africans and with other missionaries. Sometimes that's needed more than you know. Get a map. See where our country is. When you hear of difficulties in other parts of Africa, see how close we are to it and if near, pray harder. Last, but not least, we're getting older. Pray for more patience, more strength to do the things we see to be done, more love and more tolerance. Many thanks!

Through the Years . . .

Bringing History up to Date

In the past, the national WMC organization saw the need to organize the history of our group. A history book was published and is entitled *Through the Years with WMC*. Since the publication, WMC has grown, programs have been completed and projects accomplished. The following is a list of projects and programs completed since the publication date. To bring your book up to date, add the information listed herein to the appropriate pages. In most cases you will be able to cut and paste this copy directly into your books.

If, perchance, your group does not have a WMC history book, they are available from the National WMC Literature Secretary, Box No. 711, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Total Offerings — p. 17

1972 --	\$5,000.00	
1973 --	\$5,500.00	
1974 --	\$5,500.00	
1975 --	\$5,500.00	
1976 --	\$6,000.00	
1977 --	\$6,500.00	
1978 --	Grace Schools	-- \$ 7,000.00
	Home Missions	-- \$ 7,000.00
	Operation and Publications	-- \$ 7,000.00
	Foreign Missions	-- \$10,000.00
1979 --	Grace Schools	-- \$ 8,000.00
	Home Missions	-- \$ 8,000.00
	Operation and Publication	-- \$ 7,500.00
	Foreign Missions	-- \$11,000.00

Tithe — p. 19

1973—15%—\$300.00 for furnishing homes for Bible Institute students in Africa, the remainder for a piano for Grace Village at Winona Lake, Indiana.

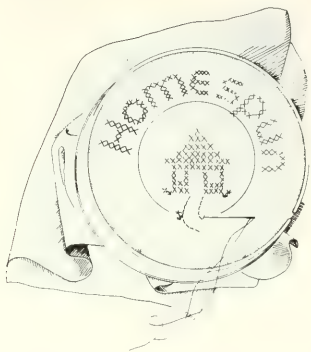
1974—15% to initiate our new SMM offering.

1975—15% to Brethren Missionary Herald for headlining machine for larger than normal print.

1976—15%—capitol funds to Christian Education for inventory of our new SMM materials (a revolving fund).

1977—Motion: by board—August 1977, that Operation and Publication Offering be used first of all for intended purpose, and if there is any money over and above expenses this will be considered for a special offering. Carried.

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by Ruth A. Christian
Mabton, Washington

What a grandmother sees in retrospect, is quite different from what a mother sees in experience. Because I was once a young mother with a big "little" family, I can recall how unglamorous the multitudinous necessary tasks of each day became, as compared to some of my friends who were apparently rendering more to the Lord for all His benefits to them (Ps. 116:12).

My mind goes back to the winter our second son was born. Wesley was two and Miriam was one. With three babies, you can imagine that there was no end to the washing that needed to be done. This was one of those dark, foggy winters, with scarcely a day fit to hang out a wash. Water was pumped from an outdoor well, hauled into the washhouse, heated on a stove and drained away in tubs. I was one of the lucky ones though, as we did have the luxury of an electric washer; whereas across the river there was no electricity. Automatic dryers were unheard of, so we solved that problem by stringing clotheslines all over the house. Around the heater and over the kitchen range were the quick-dry spots, and wash often had to be rotated. It seemed as if my stewardship of time was cut out for me—washing clothes, washing dishes, washing babies, and washing floors.

I look back today with shame that I so often let my morale drop with the barometer. I could not seem to keep my head in the clouds when it was constantly trying to dodge that wet wash. If only I could have had one tiny peek into the future, 40 years later, to see all three of those children busy in the Lord's work and touching the lives of so many young people, my heart would have sung for joy. Now I look back to my foggiest winter as part of a very fruitful investment for the Lord. What if I hadn't been faithful?

THROUGH THE YEARS — (Continued from page 31)

Foreign Missions — p. 22

- 1973 — Toward the theological training and support of Pierre Yougouda from the C.A.R.
- 1974 — Toward the central heating of the Chateau in France.
- 1975 — Brazil—boat and motor (trail) bike for Bill Burk's river ministry. Balance toward residence in Uberlandia.
- 1976 — Toward the house for the Norm Johnson's in Brazil (Uberlandia).
- 1977 — Toward new missionary residence in Winona Lake—an extended project.
- 1978 — New Missionary Residence — \$10,000.00.
- 1979 — New Missionary Residence — \$11,000.00

Home Missions — p. 25

- 1973 — Toward a bus for the Navajo Mission.
- 1974 — To remodel the Dryhill, Kentucky, chapel and/or facilities.
- 1975 — Toward property at Kenai, Alaska.
- 1976 — Toward Navajo Mission vehicles.
- 1977 — Toward new church in Kansas City, Missouri.
- 1978 — Assist in Internship Program with Sr. Pastor—\$7,000.00.
- 1979 — Navajo Mission transportation—\$8,000.00.

Christian Education — p. 28

- 1973 — Office furniture. Any remaining toward copy machine.
- 1974 — SMM offering—SMM Girl-of-the-Year Scholarship and sponsorship of director of Girls' Ministries under the Christian Education Department.
- 1975 — SMM Girl-of-the-Year scholarship and sponsorship of Director of Girls' Ministries under the Christian Education Department.
- 1976 — 15% tithe of Operation and Publication to the amount of \$1,219.12 for inventory of new SMM materials. (This is in addition to Girl-of-the-Year and director of Girls' Ministries goal.)

1977 — SMM Girl-of-the-Year scholarship and sponsorship of director of Girls' Ministries under Christian Education Department—\$6,000.00.

1978 — SMM — same as 1977 — Goal, \$6,000.00.

1979 — SMM — same as 1977 — Goal, \$6,000.00.

Grace Schools — p. 31

1973 — Toward the new Educational Resource Center in the Library Learning Center.

1974 — To purchase seven special teaching desks and chairs and four overhead projectors for the seminary professors and air condition two small classrooms.

1975 — Supplies and equipment for Art Department.

1976 — Items to relieve crowded conditions in the seminary building.

1977 — Equipment for Science Center—\$6,500.00.

1978 — Seminary—Equip seminary classroom, purchase 16mm films—Martin Luther and The Big Dig. Dictating equipment for seminary faculty offices and books for seminary library. Goal, \$7,000.00

1979 — College—(1) Equipment, resources and materials for Special Education, (2) Equipment for campus Nursing Skills Lab, (3) Darkroom equipment for the student newspaper/yearbook offices. Goal, \$8,000.00.

Birthday Missionaries — p. 36

1973 - Mrs. George Peters—C.A.R.
Miss Evelyn Tschetter—C.A.R.
Miss Kwang Ja Park—Brazil
Mrs. Roger Peugh—Germany
Mrs. David Shargel—France

1974 - Mrs. Jack Churchill—Mexico
Mrs. Dan Hammers—France
Mrs. Minnie Kennedy—C.A.R. (retired)
Mrs. Jake Kliever—Chad
Miss Carol Mensinger—C.A.R.
Mrs. Hill Maconaghy—Argentina

1975 - Miss Lila Sheely—C.A.R.
Mrs. William Walker—C.A.R.
Miss Lois Wilson—C.A.R.
Mrs. Edward Miller—Brazil
Mrs. Foster Tresise—Hawaii

1976 - Mrs. Larry DeArmey—France
Mrs. Larry Pfahler—C.A.R.

Mrs. Robert Williams—C.A.R. (retired)
Miss Ruth Snyder—C.A.R.
Mrs. Paul Dowdy—Argentina

1977 - Mrs. Keith Altig—Brazil (retired)
Mrs. Marvin Goodman—C.A.R.
Mrs. Solon Hoyt—Argentina
Mrs. Hattie Sheldon—C.A.R. (retired)
Mrs. Floyd Taber—C.A.R. (retired)

1978 - Mrs. Bill Burk—Brazil
Miss Mary Cripe—C.A.R.
Mrs. Tom Julien—France
Miss Ruth Kent—C.A.R.
Miss Marie Mishler—C.A.R.

1979 - Mrs. Walter Haag—Mexico
Miss Mary Ann Habegger—C.A.R.
Mrs. Norm Johnson—Brazil
Mrs. Bruce Paden—C.A.R.
Mrs. Roy Snyder—C.A.R.

Devotional Program Committee — p. 44

1973-74 - "Send the Light" (2 Cor. 4:6)
Northern Atlantic District

1974-75 - "Reflecting God's Blessings" (1 Peter 4:10,
Living Bible)
Southern California-Arizona District

1975-76 - "I'm a Child of the King" (1 Thess. 2:12)
Midwest District

1976-77 - "Hidden Beauty" (1 Peter 3:4)
Mid-Atlantic District

1977-78 - "Complete in Him" (Col. 2:10)
Florida District

1978-79 - "The Joy of the Lord" (Phil. 4:4)
Allegheny District

1979-80 - "Sent of God" (Isa. 6:8)
Committee—Alice Koontz, Ginny Sellers, Miriam
Pacheco

Presidents — p. 52

1969-1973 - Mrs. Richard Placeway

1973-1978 - Mrs. Robert Griffith

1978- Mrs. Dan Pacheco

Tenure of Office — p. 54

Recording Secretary - *Three (3) years*
Changed in the Constitution in 1979

June and July are Brethren Missionary Herald Offering Months

In book, magazine and tract form, the Missionary Herald seeks to bring the good news of salvation to a troubled world. We are grateful for the many Brethren people who are sharing and growing with us . . . your partners in publishing.

Give through your local church to the ministry of publications!

BMH Printing

a growing, vital part of the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. We thought you might like to know how wide an area the ministry actually covers.

Listed below are organizations and publications for whom BMH Printing has done work in the past 18 months.

Brethren Missionary Herald magazine

Brethren Foreign Missions:

Echoes

- Missionary biography booklet
- Personnel prayer booklet
- Individual missionary prayer cards
- Church bulletins and posters

Brethren Home Missions:

Communicator

Desert Rain

- Minute-Man letters
- Church bulletins
- Bountiful Harvest materials

Grace Schools:

Alumnews

Spire

- Grace College catalog
- Grace Seminary catalog
- Brochures and place mats

GBC Christian Education:

Accent

- Readables
- SMM books
- Youth conference materials

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Brethren Investment Foundation

Grace Village

National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Ministers

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BMH Books

BMH Tracts

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- Dayton, Ohio

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- Warsaw, Ind.
- Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Danville, Ohio
- Rialto, Calif.
- Galion, Ohio
- Lancaster, Pa.
- Meyersdale, Pa.
- Telford, Pa.
- Winona Lake, Ind.
- Union, Ohio
- Brookville, Ohio
- Martinsburg, W. Va.
- Kettering, Ohio
- Armagh, Pa.
- Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)

Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Brethren Encyclopedia

Daily Devotions

Fellowship

Blackhawk Baptist Church

DJ Publications

NINEZ (Child Evangelism magazine, Spanish)

Alpha Publications

Chapel Crusaders

Evangelical Fundamental Endeavor

Mid-Atlantic District

First Missionary Church,

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Immanuel Baptist Church,

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Here's Life, Philadelphia

Hephzibah House

Bible Truths Publications

Graphic Communications

Independent Brethren Church

Indiana District Missions

Lakeland Christian Academy

Lititz (Pa.) Christian School

Scripture Press Publications

Summa Productions

Warsaw (Ind.) Christian School

Winona Lake Christian Assembly:

Winona Today

Publicity materials

Dubuque (Iowa) Bible Church

Mottville (Mich.) Bible Church

Selah Center

Bethel Chapel of Huntington Valley

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The Expanding Ministries of Grace Theological Seminary



Dr. Homer Kent, Jr.

I am delighted to use this opportunity to report on some of the exciting aspects of the expanding outreach of Grace Theological Seminary. God has been accomplishing great things. It is impossible to recite all the exciting activities of the seminary and among our alumni, so the following news items and reports are necessarily selective.

Evangelism Emphasis—The seminary administration has continually sought means of increasing our seminary focus on this subject. One significant step was made in the addition of a course titled "Christian Education and Evangelism." The course is team-taught by Professors French and Male and has made extensive use of visiting lecturers known for their ministries in evangelism. Dr. Jack Murray, Dr. Marvin Rosenthal, Rev. Doug Erickson, Rev. Al Buhler, and Rev. Dean Fetterhoff have participated in this program. The Brethren Board of Evangelism has offered help in increasing this focus on evangelism and has contributed financially toward this project. Mr. Fetterhoff has made special contributions in this area. He is an alumnus of Grace and has had 10 years of experience in traveling as an evangelist. He has conducted evangelistic campaigns in a majority of the Grace Brethren churches in America. He recently challenged our entire student body on this all-important issue. Please pray with us for divine

guidance as plans are in progress for furthering this emphasis.

Effective Alumni—One of the most rewarding aspects of a ministry such as ours is the privilege of seeing graduates effectively applying their seminary education. Volumes could be written in illustrating and sharing this joy. One chapter in such a volume would include the story of Dave Stockeland. Dave came to us with a Lutheran background—even having attended a Lutheran seminary for a short time. But then, Christ found him! After completing his seminary course work, Dave successfully pastored the Manchester (Ind.) Bible Church for 2 years. In June of 1978, he moved to the Dubuque Bible Church. Since then there have been almost 200 professions of faith. Twelve home Bible study groups are in operation, 2 radio programs, and one new branch church has been established with 2 others in process of development. A Christian school will be in operation this fall. Dave has had 50 baptisms within the past 6 months! We are as proud as grandparents!



Recently baptized believers in the Dubuque church.

Another Example—Dan Boulton graduated from the seminary in 1975. Since then he has been serving as the Christian Education pastor at Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio. His duties in this position include oversight of the various CE ministries of the church, including the Sunday school, VBS, Christian Service Brigade, single adults, and so forth. He is also director of the Worthington Bible Institute, which involves oversight of three continuing adult education programs and a one-year undergraduate program. He

was also recently elected as chairman of the North-central Ohio District Ministerium. In recognition of his expertise in the field of Christian Education, Dan was recently selected to serve as a consultant for Gospel Light Publications. This ministry requires him to speak at various CE conventions and allows him the opportunity of working individually with pastors and churches in designing their CE programs. We are grateful to have had a part in Dan's preparation and we are delighted by what God is doing in and through him.

A New Seminary?—In 1974, Pierre Yougouda came from the Central African Republic to study at Grace Theological Seminary. He and many other evangelical African Christians have dreamed of a Brethren seminary in Africa. Since he graduated and returned to Africa in 1977, that dream has intensified. Rev. John Zielasko, general director of the Foreign Missionary Society, visited Africa in April and reports that the dream is nearing reality. Our own Professors Whitcomb and Beaver have served as advisors. Pray for Mr. Zielasko, the Foreign Missionary Society, Pierre Yougouda, and all the African leaders as they make plans for this significant advance.

Pierre Yougouda



Foreign Students—Can Grace Theological Seminary send missionaries into India? Amazingly, yes! Students from India, and 10 other foreign countries, were enrolled in the seminary for the spring semester. Abraham Thomas and Joel Mathai describe their native India as economically and theologically poor, yet socially friendly and with high ethical and moral standards. Both plan to return to India after graduation. Joel is interested in a ministry to the vast number of English-speaking students at the British-founded University of Delhi in India. The school is highly intellectual, but completely void of a strong gospel influence. Other foreign students are planning to return for ministries in Canada, Scotland, Japan, Kenya, Haiti, West Germany, South Africa, the Philippines, and Vietnam.



World's largest Sunday school class—teaching is Dr. Ed Hindson.

Gigantic Class—Grace alumnus Dr. Ed Hindson, professor at Liberty Baptist College and an associate of Jerry Falwell, regularly teaches what has been billed as the world's largest Sunday school class. Dr. Hindson also travels extensively for ministries relating to Christian counseling and family matters. His winterim course at Grace in January attracted over 100 students. He will teach a course next January on marriage and family counseling. Alumni may audit without any tuition charge. Pastors will find it especially helpful.

Visiting Faculty—In recent semesters, more extensive use of short-term visiting faculty members has provided an added dimension for our students. Visiting faculty members during 1979-80 include the following: Mr. Max Anders, Dr. Henry Brandt, Dr. Ed Hindson, Dr. L. Lewis Johnson, Dr. James Rossup, Dr. John Lawlor, Dr. Kenneth Gangel, Dr. Roy Lowrie, and others. Students have greatly appreciated the added dimension of these Christian leaders who have made outstanding contributions in their various fields of expertise.

Missionary Travels—Several faculty members have recently been involved in extensive missionary ministries. In January, Dr. John Whitcomb enjoyed a very fruitful and encouraging trip to Africa. He has also recently visited key missionary ministries throughout Europe. In April, Dr. William Male also journeyed to Africa. He ministered to missionary educators in Nigeria, Ivory Coast, and Kenya. Dr. S. Wayne Beaver, chairman of our Missions Department, will use his sabbatical leave for the next spring semester as an opportunity to get back on the mission field and ex-

perience afresh the fulfilling of the Great Commission. In January, the Beavers will plan to fly directly to the Central African Republic where considerable time will be spent on the field where they served as missionaries for 25 years. Requests have been received to minister in other countries of Africa as well. In the spring, the Beavers will fly to Europe where they are looking forward to visiting mission centers in France and Germany. Invitations have been received from missionaries in Spain, Portugal, Belgium, and Norway, asking to be included in the itinerary. By May 18, they will be back in Winona to open the summer session of the Graduate School of Missions. We are confident that the seminary ministry will be enhanced by these travels.

Waltke, MacArthur, Swindoll, Briscoe—That about says it all! There is no doubt in anyone's mind. The 1980 Bible Conference created more interest than any previous conference. Over 1,300 people were present for the Wednesday sessions, in addition to the 800 college students to whom Dr. MacArthur ministered during their chapel sessions. Snowplows pushed back the snow, and the entire west lawn of the campus was used as a frozen parking lot. Closed circuit television and video projection made possible the ministry to overflow crowds. McClain Auditorium, the Seminary Chapel, and our largest classroom were all filled for several sessions. Our special thanks to Jill Briscoe, Dr. Bruce Waltke, Dr. John MacArthur, and Dr. Charles Swindoll for making the 1980 conference so very special. We are anticipating another harvest in 1981 as Dr. Jay Adams, Dr. Harold Lindsell, Dr. Warren Wiersbe, and Mrs. Sue Burnham come to minister. Be sure to put February 10-13 on your calendar right now.

Christian Education—GBC Christian Education recently moved from the Herald building to their own facilities adjacent to the seminary on Presidential Drive. While that was an exciting move for them, another "move" was equally exciting for us. Their

executive director, Knute Larson, and their executive director of youth ministries, Ed Lewis, will be team-teaching a seminar course titled, "Church Ministries to Adults." Both these men are graduates of our seminary and are well-qualified by years of experience. We are excited by this new dimension in our Christian Education Department.

New Faculty—Two new faculty members will join the seminary family this fall. Professor Richard Averbek earned the M.Div. at Grace in 1977, and has just completed his Ph.D. program at Dropsie College of Hebrew. (His arrival in August will assure us of a full-time faculty ranging from A to Z—Averbek to Zemek!) Professor David Turner earned his M.Div. and Th.M. at Grace. He taught at Baptist Bible College and School of Theology from 1976 to 1979. He is presently completing work on his Th.D. at Grace. We are delighted to welcome Professors Averbek and Turner to the Grace family.

New West Coast Representative—Professor Richard Mayhue has accepted a position as an associate with Dr. John MacArthur at the Grace Community Church in the San Fernando Valley in Southern California. He will be involved in developing a continuing education program for pastors. Professor Mayhue is excited about this new challenge and we are excited about his opportunity and by the fact that he will continue a close association with the seminary. Plans are being made for him to teach in short-term winterim or summer courses. He will also continue to serve on the Executive Committee of our Seminary Alumni Association. We are happy for him, but we will miss him here!

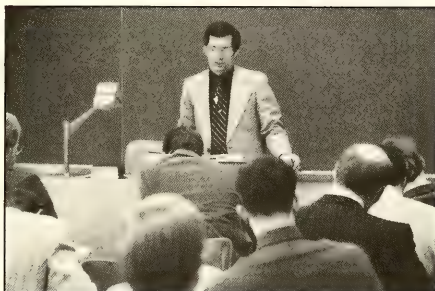
A New Journal—With the publication of the *Grace Theological Journal*, a new era in the outreach of Grace Seminary has been reached. The first issue of the Journal appeared in April. It included articles with a wide range of interest on such subjects as: "The Test of Abraham in Genesis 22," "The Primacy of Teaching in the Education and Growth of Christians," "The Nature of The Inerrant Word as Self-Authenticating," as well as a discussion on the text in which Jesus spoke of the mustard seed as the smallest of all seeds—long considered by some as a problem for the doctrine of inerrancy. There is also a section of book reviews to aid the pastor and other interested readers in the selection of worthy books. Copies of the first issue are still available for those who subscribe



Dr. Charles Swindoll

immediately. If interested, please write to Grace Theological Journal, Box 373, Grace Theological Seminary.

Lay Bible Institute—One of the important new outreach ministries begun during the 1979-80 school year was the Grace Lay Bible Institute. The classes met on the seminary campus on Monday evenings each semester. Classes were taught by Professors Smith, Mayhue, French, and Phillips, and by Pastor Plaster. Enrollment exceeded our anticipation. This outreach ministry to our own community is exciting, *but it is already expanding beyond our community!* Plans are developing to use video-tapes of these courses in other local Bible institute programs. Tapes have already been prepared for use in Ashland, Ohio; and Hagerstown, Maryland.



Dr. Charles Smith teaching one of the Bible Institute classes.

Honorary Alumni—For the first time in the history of our schools, the alumni association and the seminary administration have conferred honorary alumni status on three outstanding individuals who did not graduate from our seminary. The three men are Dr. John MacArthur, Dr. Paul Fink, and Dr. David Burnham.

Dr. MacArthur is pastor of the Grace Community Church in Panorama City, California. Since his assumption of that ministry, the congregation of Grace Community Church has grown to become one of the largest in Southern California. He is a frequent conference speaker and has ministered extensively through radio and the written page. Just as importantly for us—he is a friend of Grace Theological Seminary.

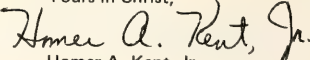
Dr. Paul Fink needs no introduction to the friends of Grace. Unlike most of our faculty, Dr. Fink did not attend our seminary, but he did minister effectively in the seminary over a period of 16 years. Almost single-handedly he developed the Homiletics program which has ministered to so many of our students. He is currently serving on the faculty at Liberty Baptist College in Lynchburg, Virginia. We are proud to have him numbered among our honorary alumni.



Dr. David Burnham is the well-known pastor of The Chapel in University Park in Akron, Ohio. Dr. Burnham's congregation averages over 3,000 in attendance each Sunday, and has been influential in sending a large number of students to Grace College and Seminary. One of Dr. Burnham's desires is for an even closer tie with Grace Theological Seminary by means of an extension program in The Chapel. Pray with us as this prospect is being developed.

Sweet Spirit—Our Lord blessed us in many ways during this past school year. Probably the greatest blessing of all was the sweet spirit of unity and purpose exhibited among our seminary family. There were weekly faculty prayer meetings, increased faculty ministries, faculty members filling in for one another, learning from one another, and I cannot recall a single argument in faculty meetings! At the same time, God sent to us an outstanding student body characterized by purpose and maturity. What an opportunity and what a blessing was the 1979-80 school year!

You have an opportunity of sharing in this ministry. We solicit your prayers and your support for the 1980-81 school year.

Yours in Christ,

 Homer A. Kent, Jr.

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(National conference begins July 27)

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current news items of help and interest to you as Brethren

National conference time is rapidly approaching, and if all your plans are not yet made it would probably be wise to finalize them. The conference begins Saturday evening, July 26, with a musical concert by Paul Schumacher. This concert is being sponsored by Brethren Missionary Herald Ministries. A worship service will be held Sunday morning, July 27, and Moderator Jesse Deloe will deliver his address at this time. Christian Education sessions will run from Sunday afternoon through Monday evening (see page 27 for this schedule). Tuesday through Friday the regular national conference meetings will be held. Rooms and housing will be limited this year because of other conferences being held at the same time.

Recession, inflation, and all of the other national problems today are plaguing churches, individuals and families. At the Herald Co. we are also experiencing these difficulties as costs of products and materials soar. So, remember the months of June and July are Herald offering months. Our sales are up and it appears that this will be another record year. Thanks for your continuing help with the ministries of publications.

There are several ways to beat high costs--one way is to send a check with your order to the Herald Co. and we will pay the postage, and another way is to save on telephone costs by using our toll-free number for orders (1-800-348-2756).

The "Jesus March" on Washington is now history. The march was in early May. Reports say that about 200,000 people were involved and the cost of the project was over \$1,000,000. The national news media gave very little coverage of this event.

Conference planning sessions were held in April with about 20 people from the boards and institutions present for the meetings. The three day gathering was for the purpose of discussing ways in which national conference and the Grace Brethren Fellowship could best do their work and meet the needs of the people. Since this committee has no power in itself, the findings and suggestions will be made to this year's national conference. The origin of this committee came from suggestions made at last year's conference.

BMH proudly announces three more books of significance. This brings us to about 130 titles under BMH Books. The new books released are: A History of Israel, by John Davis and John Whitcomb (copublished with Baker Book House); Lessons in Leadership from the Bible, by Kenneth Gangel; and Personnel Administration in the Christian School, by Lester Brubaker. A History of Israel is a large volume of about 600 pages, and retails at \$14.95. Lessons in Leadership will be used as a Sunday school study guide and costs \$3.95. Personnel Administration is a book anyone involved in Christian day schools will want to read. Dr. Brubaker lectures each year at the summer sessions at Grace. This book is \$5.95. BMH Books continues to move forward to become a part of the great Christian literature program.

The Herald board, meeting in Atlanta, Ga. in March, decided to begin a study regarding the feasibility of a FM radio station in the Winona Lake-Warsaw (Ind.) area. If such a study proved positive, plans would proceed to establish a station with a Christian format. Many problems are related to such a ministry and approval is needed from various sources on the Federal level. Pray for the will of the Lord in this matter.



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Reflections By Still Waters

What Can You See?

by Charles W. Turner
Editor

Here we are in Bicentennial plus 4, and it is another Fourth of July. It is time for the traditional flag-waving and for the songs we bring out annually for a special time of singing. This will not be a happy Fourth for most Americans. We are beset by as many problems this year as seems possible, falling short of the unthinkable thought of war. All the pollsters tell us, in case we missed it from our friends' comments, there is as much discontent among the populace as there has been for many a day.

We find American "held hostages" is one of the most unbelievable incidents in the history of the United States. We tried diplomacy, it failed; we tried force, it failed; we are now trying to ignore the situation hoping it will all go away. We have been embarrassed, laughed at, and confounded as to what to do next. Our most powerful move has been to say that we will not swim with the enemy, or run on the same track with them, or get on the same basketball court. Even this move has not been shared with our friends and allies.

Inflation has been tearing apart any semblance of economic order

and planning. I just bought a can of gasoline for the purpose of mowing my lawn. The small can of the valuable liquid cost \$2.75, just two gallons. A few years ago I could have purchased about six gallons and gone a few hundred miles riding in the comfort of my two-ton car! Now I have to push and never get off of my half-acre for the purpose of any sightseeing. Have you priced a house lately, or called your friendly banker to check on the costs of a loan? If you are not retired, or do not have a loved one retired on a fixed income, you ought to check into some of the hardships of the elderly caught in the problems of inflation on their fixed and limited incomes.

Yes, there are other problems like the racial troubles of Miami and boatloads of people escaping Mr. Castro, the unemployment lines, and the question of whether you made the right move of buying that last Chrysler. Trouble, trouble, trouble, and you can spell them all with a capital "T." Things are tough all over, are they not? Groan, groan, groan, all with a capital "G."

Things are so bad that you have to stand in line for a half-hour to get a seat at a restaurant. Then you have to choose from 50 possibilities

on the menu. When you are traveling, you have to wait to get into Disneyland because 20,000 people got there that day before you did. I saw a five-dollar tip on a table not too long ago and I said to myself: "Things are really tough, are they not?" Imagine how over half of the population of the world would like to worry about the problems we have to put up with every day. They would be delighted, I assure you. You can turn on your radio or television and hear the Gospel almost any time of the day or night. What about that church that you attend where people love each other and the truth of the Gospel is preached? There is no one to stop you from worshiping God or even preventing you from singing of your love to God in a slight off-key voice.

Oh, say can you see? Yes, I believe I can see a land flawed and a bit ragged, but a land that I need to pray for and to ask God to save from its indulgences and sins. But it is certainly worth saving, loving, and being thankful for because of time-honored principles. Yes, I am certain that I can still see hope and a future for us as a land, if we will listen to the voice of God and turn to Him.

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35 Years Ago—1945

Rev. Gordon Bracker became the pastor of the Cleveland, Ohio, Brethren Church. . . . An evangelistic service at Garwin, Iowa, resulted in 30 decisions for Christ, 10 of them were first-time decisions. The evangelist was Arnold Kriegbaum.

15 Years Ago—1965

The Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington was dedicated. The new building, situated on four and one-half acres, cost approximately \$90,000. James Dixon, pastor. . . . Dr. Herman Koontz has resigned from the York, Pennsylvania, church to go to a new work in Orlando, Florida. . . . Dr. L. L. Grubb, tendered his resignation as executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council.

5 Years Ago—1975

Dr. and Mrs. Homer Kent, Sr., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary and a reception was held at Grace Village. . . . Rev. Ward Miller moved from his pastorate in Modesto, California, to assume his pastoral duties at the Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Indiana.

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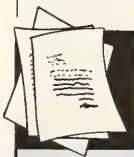
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Dear Family,

This is a note of appreciation to all those people across the United States who have been praying for us.

My husband, Tim Paul Inlow, went to be with our Lord on April 5, leaving me and our 10½ month-old daughter, Hallie Jane. As decisions and reality set in, I am constantly aware of the love and prayers on our behalf.

Thank you. *Mary Inlow, Riverside, California*
Prayers from our Fellowship are with you and your loved ones.—CWT

AND IT CAME TO PASS

1 And it came to pass, in those days, that there went out a decree from Brethren Foreign Missions that all new missionaries must speak in the tongue of the field where they would be abiding, yea, even unto sojourning a year in a language school.

2 And, thus, a certain couple, Kent and Becky Good, went up from Florida, out of the city of Fort Lauderdale, into the land of Gaul, in the province of Savoie unto the city of Albertville.

3 The Goods were exceedingly unlearned in the ways of the Gauls; neither could they speak with understanding. And, so it was that, while they were there, they began to study diligently at the Centre Missionnaire.





4 The Centre, being directed by godly Gauls (wise in the knowledge of their mother tongue and long-suffering toward their students), gathered round about them a host of missionaries longing to utter the language of the Gauls.

5 And it came to pass, that early each morning unto the fourth hour of the afternoon, the students would enter the Centre to be instructed in the ways of the Gauls.

6 And, behold, it was necessary for the Gauls to



make use of varied and divers manners of instruction, even unto drilling and memorizing. Verily, verily, the missionaries studied diligently to show themselves approved in the tongue, yea, even unto the burning of the midnight oil.





7 But, even so, many of them lacked wisdom and fell into various trials, only to find, as in every circumstance, that the Father worketh well in bringing them to greater maturity.

8 And, behold, the Lord, who worketh many miracles, hath performed another wonder—for their minds soon began to know the tongue. Of a truth, there were those who heard their speech and greatly wondered at it; but, in due time, their words were received with understanding.





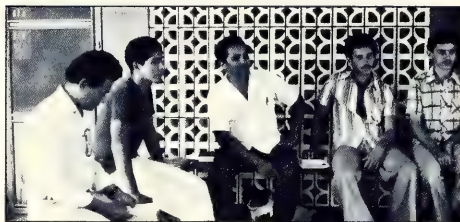
9 As they grew in wisdom and knowledge, they began to spread abroad the great good news of Jesus Christ—among the inhabitants of Albertville (at the community center and in the assembly at the Centre) even unto the monthly retreats at the Chateau de Saint Albain.

10 And it came to pass, that by God's faithfulness and your prayers, Kent and Becky Good passed their final exams in the latter part of the sixth month of the year and shall henceforth, the Lord willing, work with Brethren Foreign Missions in the province of Saone-et-Loire, in the city of Chalon.





RECIPE FOR AN EXT



George Johnson disciples
North Brazilian pastors.



by George Johnson

Can a tract prayerfully handed to a young factory worker produce a soul-winning pastor? Can an invitation to study the Scriptures attract a handsome young man from playing the guitar at local dances to preaching the Word of God?

Of course, many intermediate steps happened. But at our recent seminar for extension seminary students in North Brazil, Pastor Aldo who still works in the factory delivered an excellent challenge to personal evangelism. As a graduate of the extension seminary course and pastor of a nearby church, he was invited to give a challenge to the 15 students now enrolled in extension seminary classes. Pastor Neco, another graduate and now a teacher in the program, was one of the instructors as was missionary Earle Hodgdon.

We are frequently asked if we have a Bible institute or seminary here in Brazil. At present, we don't. We are one of the two groups in Brazil who runs an extension seminary program without a Bible institute for a base of operation. The Lord has blessed the program and we give Him the glory.

How do you create an extension seminary? What are the ingredients of our pastors' training course? Our recipe is a good one.



SION SEMINARY

Serves: many, many, people

Preheat country with missionaries

Take several varying students . . .

At present 15 students are enrolled. Among these are university students, a fisherman, a schoolteacher, some laborers, a businessman, and a taxi driver. All have one thing in common—a desire to study God's Word and be used in His service.

. . . add to classes in any available room (the cooler the better).

Although some stateside seminary students might consider the course requirements below those of Grace Seminary (and they are), the course contains some notes that would seem familiar. Classes meet weekly in a school, some churches, the back room of a grocery store, and, in one instance, in the water front home of a student who just happens to have the finest breeze in North Brazil. The only thing between his home and the Atlantic Ocean is about 75 miles of Amazon River. (That's one class I hope we never have to move—we need no air conditioning!)

Stir vigorously with teachers, both missionaries and pastors . . .

I have taught in the course since its beginning. Other missionaries have assisted through the years: Tim Farner, Barbara Hulse, Ralph Schwartz, and Earle Hodgdon. One of our graduates, a pastor, now studies as a teacher. Two years ago, one of our teachers fell sick with tuberculosis. Immediately, his student was able to step in, fill the gap, and take over this ministry. Pastor Neco now studies (with another pastor) in a class aimed at teaching.

. . . and toss with a good curriculum.

The curriculum is what you might expect in a pastors' training course: Theology I, II, III, and IV; Church History, Homiletics, Acts, Romans, Corinthians, and Old Testament Survey are just a few. Sixteen courses, a written lecture course, and 16 tape-courses are available. A typical class period involves 40 minutes of discussion over the taped lesson, one hour and 20 minutes of going over lecture notes, and perhaps a half hour discussing problems that have come up in the life and ministry of the students. The last half hour is beyond the regular class hour, but no one seems to notice.

Make available to many men.

Why extension? There are a number of answers to that question. The student is not lured into practice immediately in his home and home church. Men with families and professions are able to study.

Be open to expand in the future.

Will there someday be a seminary? Yes, we believe there will be one. That may bring some improvements. In some ways it may cause us to lose out on some things that have been precious. When the Lord leads and opens the door, we will move in that direction.

Pour much prayer to completely cover . . .

Would you like to help? Pray.

Pray that the Lord will send us the right students and that we might train not only with words, but also by example. With your prayers and our labors together there will be many more pastors like Aldo, Manoal, Sergio, and Francisco to lead Brethren churches and minister to the needs of His people in North Brazil.

Serve a successful extension seminary.

Dedang 2 le 19 Décembre 1979

A Monsieur le Patron de Bord en Amérique.

MONSIEUR

Ani, comité ti Apasteur-ancien na sessé ti Baibekoum na Goré, ani gbo guélé ti ala na iri ti Seigneur na Sauveur ti ani Jésus-Christ ti sala téné na ala na lègué ti mbeti se. Ani vore ala mingui ti ma ani.

Ani sala mbeti se sengué pèpé; ani sambela mingui si ani sala mbeti se. Tenga na Nzapa adjia na bé ti aita ka, na lègué ti iringo ti Nzapa mveni, si ala ba mbeti ti ani se ti dike na pope ti aita ka si, ambeni se Nzapa adjia iringo se na bé ti ala, si ala meu tèle ti ala ti ga ti sala na ani na sessé ti Tchad tenga na: Adocteur, Amademoiselle, Amissionnaire se ayé ti ga ti sala na ani tenga na Monsieur Richard Harell. Aho kéné, ani yé mingui ti ouara aje se alingbi aidé ani na lègué ti fango yé na Institut-Biblique Préparateire se ani yé ti sala na sessé ti ani na ngu ti 1982.

Tenga na mbeni Docteur meu tèle ti le ti ga na ti sala na pope ti ani, mbeni hospital, fadé koussala tenga se alingbi ti meu nguia mingui na bé ti ani. Sengué pèpé, fadé le sau ani na ti ti akobéla nde nde, na nga, fadé le sau ame ti ani. Na pope ti ani na sessé ti Goré na Baibekoum Hospital amnéqué ani.

Ani balaa ala eke eke kéné na iri ti Seigneur na Sauveur ti ani Jésus-Christ/.

Iri ti Acemité se assala mbeti ni:

1°	Pasteur-ancien	Djékouptamian Michel	<i>[Signature]</i>
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5°	"	"	Ngaba Gaston
6°	"	"	Yotoldjim David.

Dodang 2
December 19, 1979

To Mr. Chairman of the Board of America

Sir:

We, the committee of the elders in the area of Baibokoum and Gore (Chad), we submit ourselves to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour to speak to you through this letter. We implore you to listen to us.

We are not writing this letter without meaning. We have prayed much before we wrote this letter. If the Lord puts it in the hearts of you Brethren over there so that you see it good to read this letter before God's people—in order that those in whose hearts God puts the desire, according to His calling, to dedicate themselves to come and help us in the Tschad—fine. Those that we would like to have are doctors, single ladies, and missionaries who want to help us like Mr. Richard Harrell is doing. Most of all, we want to have people that can help us by teaching in the Bible institute we want to begin in the year 1982.

If there is a doctor who will dedicate himself to come and open a hospital among us, this kind of dedicated work would bring much joy to us. It would not be a useless work—he would save us from many different kinds of sickness and also would be able to save the souls of some of us, too. In the area of Baibokoum and Gore, we do not have a hospital.

We send our greetings to each and every one in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Here are the names of the committee that wrote this letter:

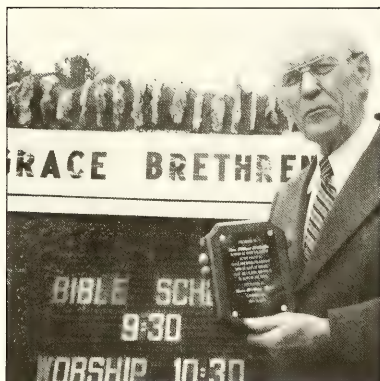
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(Translated by Mary Cripe, missionary to the C.A.R.)

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news report

From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches
and the Evangelical Press Association



□ Rev. William H. Schaffer was presented with a plaque honoring faithful service by church moderator Frank Brewster and the Grace Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio, on May 11. The plaque read:

Presented to
REV. WILLIAM H. SCHAFER
in honor of being the oldest
active pastor in the
GRACE BRETHREN FELLOWSHIP
with 53 years of service
as of July 6, 1980, and who is
76 YEARS OF AGE TODAY
Presented by the
GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH
Camden, Ohio
May 11, 1980

Mr. Schaffer began pastoring the Camden church in February and concluded 53 years of pastoral ministry on July 6.

□ James A. Barnes is pastoring the Grace Brethren Church of Altoona, Pa. (Juanita). He assumed the position last winter.

□ The basketball team of the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., won second place in a basketball league made up of six area churches. One of the First Brethren Church players, Tony Bonnono, won the sportsmanship trophy for the league, which involved 75 players. Ken Wadsworth was the coach for the Johnstown church.

□ Special meetings were held in the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., by Evangelist Mason Cooper, April 13-18. "These were days of rich blessings and the beginnings of even greater things," stated Charles Martin, pastor.

□ Rev. Ed Jackson, along with his other responsibilities, is presently pastoring the newest Brethren church in Florida. This church, in Melbourne, was received into the Florida district at the last district conference at Fort Myers in April. The church is meeting at the home of Glenn Ernsberger, 705 Endicott Rd., Melbourne, Fla. 32935 (Tel. 305/259-6608). There are now 26 people attending this new church.



meetings

Dr. Robert B. Collitt, stewardship counselor for the Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service, will be speaking at the following Grace Brethren churches:

Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind., Aug. 3-6. A. Rollin Sandy, pastor.

Leesburg Brethren Church, Leesburg, Ind., Aug. 10-13. Ralph S. Burns, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind., Aug. 24-28. Everett Caes, pastor.

Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind., Aug. 31-Sept. 3. Scott Weaver, pastor.

□ John O. Teevan, the five-and-one-half-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. John Teevan (Mr. Teevan is associate pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio), has had a hole in his heart since birth. However, a recent medical checkup has indicated that a 70 percent healing/closing has taken place in his heart. This is a great cause for rejoicing!

□ The telephone number for Mel Grimm (April *Herald*, p. 12) has been changed to: 707/542-5683.

□ Timothy Dean (8 lb., 2½ oz.) was born on May 5 to Tad and Vivienne Hobert. Timothy's father, Tad Hobert, is the pastor of the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

marriages

Hearty congratulations to, and may God's blessings rest always upon, these new families who join the *Brethren Missionary Herald* readership. A six-month free subscription to the *Herald* is given to newlyweds whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Ann Graham and Clayton Wise, April 19, First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio.

Amy Miller and Jerry Stoltz, May 17, Grace Brethren Church of West Kittanning, Pa.

change your annual

□ Gregory Howell, 1301 Rd. 15 S., Warsaw, Ind. 46580. □ Richard Sellers, 909 Lyons St., Des Moines, Iowa 50316.

deaths

Death notices must be submitted in writing by the pastor.

COBOUGH, Ralph, Feb. 5, member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Charles Martin, pastor.

HELSTERN, Harold, March 28, a deacon and member of the Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio. Gerald Polman, pastor.

KARNS, Sara, May 13, wife of Pastor Emeritus Lon Karns. Mrs. Karns had taught kindergarten for 53 years. Englewood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio. Gerald Polman, pastor.

LYNN, Theresa, April 2, member of the First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va. Lester Kennedy, pastor.

MACK, Harriet, March 9, member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Charles Martin, pastor.

OREN, Catherine, March 29, member of the Engle-

wood Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio. Gerald Polman, pastor.

REDINGER, Russell, April 21, member and deacon of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Charles Martin, pastor.

□ Pastor and Mrs. Marion Thomas have publicly announced their retirement. Pastor Thomas plans to continue speaking in Grace Brethren churches beginning with churches he planted in Ohio. On Sunday morning, Aug. 3, he will be preaching at the Fremont Grace Brethren Chapel; Tim Waggoner, pastor. On Sunday evening, Aug. 3, he will speak at the Bowling Green Grace Brethren Church; Ron Boehm, pastor. Other churches planted by Marion Thomas are the Findlay Grace Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio, Tom Goossens, pastor; the Grace Brethren Church, Anderson, S.C., Ray Feather, pastor; and the Grace Brethren Church of Clearwater, Fla., Ray Gingrich, pastor.

□ This past Easter was special for the Grace Brethren Church in Virginia Beach, Va. At 5:30 a.m., they met at the beach for a "Resurrection" service. Sixty members and friends gathered on the sand and boardwalk to celebrate Christ's Resurrection. The music and singing also attracted early morning risers from the nearby resort motels, who stopped and joined them to see what was happening. Dave and Cindy Edwards, who minister in area churches, sang a special number and led the group called "The Selahs" that minister in area churches, sang a special number and led the group in singing. One of the teens, Ronnie Brinson, read the Resurrection account from the Bible. Pastor Dean A. Hertzler had a message on "Astonishments at the Tomb" (Mark 16:1-8). This was followed by testimonies led by Mike Karangelen, one of the teens who is representing the Southeast District at national competition in the area of Teen Challenge Speaker, and who will be attending Grace College this fall.





Anchorage pastor, Larry Smithwick; Homer layman, Mr. Ted Veal; and Dr. Lester E. Pifer make a visit to the Homer, Alaska, property.

Alaska,

by Dr. Lester E. Pifer
Executive Secretary

Alaska, our land of the midnight sun, is a beckoning land of the North. A northernmost frontier, it is an intriguing land of opportunity.

The *National Geographic* publications have posed many articles and two outstanding books on the grandeur of this beautiful territory. One of their writers says: "In Alaska, the last great American wilderness, caribou still migrate across the lonely tundra; bald eagles soar above glittering glaciers; lumbering bears roam shadowy woodlands; and the mournful

Beautiful Land of Spiritual Opportunity



Anchorage Grace Brethren Church

by Pastor Larry Smithwick

Come grow with us! . . . We're dreaming great dreams and going somewhere good! These words introduced the objectives presented to the Anchorage Grace Brethren Church congregation on Dedication Day, May 4.

Objective (MOTIVE) Based upon the biblical imperatives of Acts 1:8 and Matthew

28:19-20 we have set out to "Make a lasting impact on greater Anchorage for Jesus Christ by reaching and discipling as many as possible before He comes."

Goals (MEASUREMENT)

Based upon the solid biblical principle of 2 Corinthians 5:10 and Romans 14:10-12 we have set a Sunday morn-

ing worship attendance goal of 2,000 in the decade ahead. In 2 decades we want to have established 20 branch churches, commissioned 200 laborers to the harvest and be investing 50 percent of our income directly to great commission ministries.

So that we could visualize meaningful progress toward

cry of the wolf pierces the silence of the northern winter.

"The forty-ninth state is still a rugged frontier where Eskimos challenge ice-choked seas in skin boats to find whales, where sour-doughs run sled dogs and hunt to put meat on the table, and where settlers find freedom and fulfillment in rough cabins.

"But tremendous changes are affecting Alaska—jets streak into tiny villages on bleak, storm-battered shores, oil brings prosperity and problems, and native leaders—alert, Eskimo and Indian—with new power to shape the future of their peoples, who are poised between the world of their ancestors and the world of computers."

This forty-ninth state offers beauty, freedom, adventure and challenge. I am continually spellbound as

I try to absorb the spectacular horizons of snow-covered mountains and beautiful green valleys. The lovely glacier-fed streams team with the fisherman's delight. The wild life, seemingly undisturbed, can be seen almost anywhere. The expanse between cities, villages and communities offers endless freedom. The outdoorsman, his rugged life style, matches perfectly the challenge of this great land of adventure.

Alaska, once called "Walrussia," described as worthless, a land of no animal life except for a few fish was purchased from Russia for two and one-half cent per acre. The agreement arranged by William Henry Seward for \$7,200,000 and approved by our congress has become a "gold mine." In September 1969, the state of Alaska sold off oil leases and made \$900 million in a single morning. Fishing and lumber-



Ron Mapes sings to a congregation of 245 at the Anchorage dedication.

this end our first year goal (1980) has been to: 1. Complete our first unit; 2. establish our reputation as a Bible-teaching, vibrant, positive, soul-winning church; 3. reach a morning attendance of 250; and 4. go self-supporting. All of these goals are now well within reach with October, our third year anniversary,

set for our self-support target.

Logistics (METHODS) We're learning! We have found that a variety of methods are valid, but basic to all that we hope to accomplish is leadership. When you begin a church with two families and don't have a ready source of previously dis-

cipled Christians to draw upon, one must focus on developing leadership. This remains the focus of our energies.

In the brief time God has allowed us to be in the great Alaskan harvest field we are learning anew each day to be faith-centered, not sight-centered. We are learning to be possibility-oriented, not

ing now rank second and third behind petroleum; tourism ranks fourth. Mr. Najeeb E. Halaby, president of Pan American Airways, says that each year more than three times the population of Alaska goes through Anchorage on flights between North America and Europe or Asia. At the present rate of increase, some 100 million travelers may be passing through Alaska by the end of the century. The Federal Aviation Administration has forecast Alaska will have at least 37 major jet airports by 1985.

Along with Alaska's progress have come people, great increases in permanent residents. However, with people come problems. Population growth and an inflated economy have produced serious human problems—crime, split families, and alcoholism. In Alaska you can find people at the peak of prosperity or at

the pits of poverty and degradation. You can climb a green jade staircase of one of Anchorage's grandest hotels and learn that it is only one of a series owned and operated by natives. Humanly speaking, it is one of the most challenging mission fields of this modern day.

The Brethren Home Missions Council stepped out on faith and entered this field for three specific reasons. There was a deep spiritual need in the families that were already there, and the spiritual resources to meet these needs were few. Secondly, there was progress, prospective growth and great potential with the increase of population and development of this new state. Thirdly, God laid the burden of this new field upon our hearts and we saw the beckoning hand of God to go there with the gospel message.



Kenai Grace Brethren Church

problem-oriented. We are learning to identify needs and minister to them. We're learning. . . . We're learning at the feet of the greatest motivator ever to walk the face of the earth, the Master of Nazareth.

On Sunday, May 4, our dedication service with Dr. Pifer speaking was a tremendous blessing. It culminated a

blessed year with Max and MaryEllen Fluke who stole our hearts and built a building so very beautiful and practical.

To all of you who prayed and to the many who helped, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. To those of you who support Brethren Home Missions and for those who have the spiritual

insight to place monies in the Brethren Investment Foundation, a special thank you. Without you, we would be meeting for at least two more years in the old schoolhouse on Huffman Road.

May the Lord continue to prosper your lives and expand your vision until Jesus comes.

Our first mission point was at Kenai. This peninsula with its vast resources was the center of a great oil discovery. Its access to the sea, its fishing industry and its potential wealth brought many families to the area. We established our first mission beachhead with God's special blessing upon the pioneer work of the Herman Heins. When health problems forced a change of leadership, God had another dedicated family in Ed and Polly Jackson, to carry the mission through a building program and into a self-support status. It is a joy to see this mission-minded congregation continuing to grow and spawn other mission churches under the present leadership of Howard Snively.

The Anchorage church was launched with the Kenai church sending an internee over to teach the Bible class. Now under the leadership of a full-time

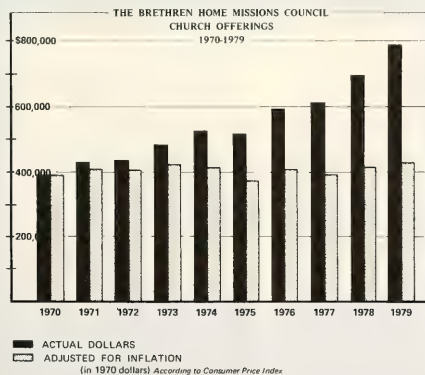
pastor, Rev. Larry Smithwick, the new building has been completed and the congregation is rapidly moving toward self-support. It is thrilling to see the lives being changed, the spirit of fellowship and concern for lost souls in this body of believers.

We already have the site for our third mission point at Homer. The rapidly growing area at Wasilla, a definite future capital potential site, is another great challenge. Palmer, Seward, and Fairbanks are on the planning board for the future as God may direct. Having just visited all these areas, I am challenged as was the Apostle Paul when he saw the beckoning hand to come to Macedonia. The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches has in Alaska, "... a great door for effective work..." (see 1 Cor. 16:9) opened to us in this beautiful land of opportunity.

The Accountant's Corner

by Larry N. Chamberlain

An Optimistic Look at Inflation



Inflation makes it tough for anyone trying to get ahead. It seems that the more you save, the less you end up with measured in terms of comparative purchasing power. No one seems to have an answer that will automatically solve the problems of inflation. The actions of the Federal Reserve allowing interest rates to remain at high levels may ultimately result in a lower rate of inflation—at the expense, however, of a recession and an increased rate of unemployment. It's a chronic economic trade-off.

The Brethren Home Missions Council, along with the average consumer, is seemingly at the mercy of gigantic economic forces which take their toll on our plans for the future. Even though it may appear that we're making financial progress, we find out that our dollars are buying less. But we should not be discouraged. By being in a position of weakness, economically speaking, we can enjoy and marvel at how God can provide and give us financial strength! Our plans need not be aborted. Our fears need not take their toll. Our adversaries need not have the victory. We only need to claim the promise of God that "his strength is made perfect in our weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9), and plunge into the future with excited anticipation.

We have over 33 developing points on our prayer list for future support—Bible classes in their formative stages and strategic cities on the U.S. map. It is only with the help of our Lord, working through His people, that we can hope to develop these new areas. Please share with us in our optimism, that even in the face of economic pessimism, we will see a great work done for God in the United States and Canada!

First Shovel Turned Toward

by Pastor George R. Christie

It has been the longstanding dream of a number of Brethren to have a Grace Brethren church in Goldendale, Washington. Goldendale, a town of 4,000 people, is located in the beautiful Klickitat Valley in south-central Washington. It has long been the place to stop for refreshments when traveling between churches in the Portland, Oregon, area and the Grace Brethren churches of the Yakima Valley.

The first time I can remember the dream being mentioned was in 1963. I was the new pastor of the Grandview, Washington, church. We were conducting our missionary conference and Dr. Russell Barnard, who was at that time the director of our Foreign Missionary Society, was one of the speakers. After the meeting Dr. Barnard shared that he prayed whenever he made the trip from Portland, "Someday we might have a church in Goldendale." Little did we realize that God was even then laying a foundation to bring to pass the answer to that prayer.

In the Home Missions church in Grandview were two ladies by the name of Williams, Fern and Barbara. In our Sunnyside church was a young woman, Patricia Waller. By 1966 Barbara's husband, Don, came to know Christ as Saviour, and Miss Waller became Mrs. Roger Falter. By 1967 the church at Grandview was self-supporting, and spawned a new Grace Brethren church in Mabton, Washington. Fern Williams and

her two children, Don and Barbara Williams, and their family were part of the 40 Brethren who started the church in Mabton.

In God's timing the two Williams families, the Roger Falters and the Jack Williams family, from our church in Sunnyside, all moved to Goldendale where they fellowshiped with another church.

It was shortly after these families moved to Goldendale that the dream of having a Grace Brethren church here began to be discussed by the Northwest District mission board. Apparently it was not God's timing as nothing developed.

In the spring of 1975 the phone rang on my desk in the Grace Brethren Church in Yakima, Washington, where I was then pastoring. It was Barbara Williams. The Brethren families from Goldendale were interested in a Bible class in Goldendale. Arrangements were made and the Bible class began in the Don Williams' home. Over the course of the year which followed

the group became convinced it was the Lord's will that they begin a Grace Brethren church in Goldendale.

With the support of the Northwest District mission board, and the Brethren Home Missions Council, the church was started in September 1976. The organizational meeting was held in the Roger Falter home on September 12 with 14 in attendance.

During the three years and seven months of our existence, God has given many blessings. Sixty people have professed to receive Christ as Saviour. Our attendances have grown steadily to where we have averaged in the forties for the past two months, and reached a high of 58 in the morning worship service.

In 1978 God blessed us in allowing us to purchase 8.69 acres of prime property just across the street from the high school, and on one of the main corners near the entrance to Goldendale. The asking price had been \$10,000 per acre, but the Lord gave it to us for a



Fulfillment of a Dream



total of \$30,000. The current price for land in that area is now \$15,000 to \$20,000 per acre. How we praise the Lord!

Another area of blessing has been in our income. With the Lord's blessing we have seen it rise from \$12,829 in 1977, to \$23,322 in 1979, and a projected faith goal of \$32,000 in 1980.

Sunday, April 27, the Lord gave us a beautiful day for our ground-breaking service. Sixty-two people gathered on the property to hear Rev. Herman Hein bring us a challenging message on doing the Lord's work. He reminded us that we should not neglect the building of

the church while engaged in the construction of the building.

Five district churches were represented, and "greetings" were brought to us by various community and board representatives. Among those bringing special greetings was the mayor of Goldendale, Cyrus Forry, who expressed his desire to "see the day when Goldendale would be the most evangelized city in the state of Washington." Mr. Homer Waller, a member of the Home Missions Council board of directors, brought greetings on behalf of the Council; and Rev. Charles Thornton, the chairman of the Northwest District mission

board, brought greetings on behalf of district missions.

The ground breaking marked the beginning of construction on a first unit of 3,500 square feet. The building will consist of a fellowship hall/auditorium and Sunday school classrooms.

It was my privilege to turn the first shovel of dirt toward the fulfillment of the dream of having a church facility in Goldendale. Don Williams, Roger Falter, and Lou Bonjorni represented our trustee board and congregation in the act of ground breaking.

The continuation of that dream is projected in the five-year goals recently adopted by the church. They call for the completion of the first unit in November of 1980, going self-supporting on September 1, 1981, reaching an average morning worship attendance of 105 in 1984, and proceeding in that same year with the construction of our second unit which will consist of a large auditorium and more Sunday school space.

Our motto for the construction period is taken from Nehemiah 2:20. It is, "We His Servants Will Arise and Build . . . The God of Heaven, He Will Prosper Us."



Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel

"But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57
R. 3, Dryhill, Kentucky 41749 (9 miles north of Hyden on Route 257) Telephone: 606•672•2520
Samuel Baer, *Pastor*

THANK-YOU PRAYER PARTNERS!

Dear Victory Mountain Prayer Warrior:

Thank you again and again for YOUR PRAYERS! Your prayers are making the difference!

Here are some of the good things God is doing . . . BECAUSE YOU PRAYED!!!

No. 1. SELF-SUPPORT ~~IM~~POSSIBLE!!!

Last December our small congregation took their first steps toward a self-supporting status. Instead of paying me the usual \$50 per week, they raised it to \$65.69. In January it more than doubled with \$107.49 per week.

I wrote Home Missions and asked them to set up a pay scale for us—our church assuming 10 percent more of my salary each month and Home Missions giving 10 percent *less* each month. From January to May this church accomplished something it never did before, **THE CONGREGATION PAID MORE TOWARD ITS PASTOR'S SALARY THAN HOME MISSIONS DID!** At the time of this writing, May 12, the church is paying its pastor \$652.52 per month and Home Missions is paying \$301.43.

The best news of all is, we closed the month of April with a whopping \$12 in the bank! **DON'T YOU DARE STOP PRAYING NOW, WE'LL NEED IT MORE THAN EVER IN THE MONTHS TO COME!**

No. 2. UPDATE ON MEN!

Another Victory Mountain goal is 10 men by September 30, 1980! **Junior Woods**, the man God sent us in December, is now teaching our adult class. He is definitely my "right-hand" man and he has been a tremendous encouragement to me. **Mike Lewis**, the man God sent us in January, came forward with his wife for church membership on Easter Sunday! We praise God for these two men, **BUT WE NEED MORE — EIGHT MORE! DON'T STOP PRAYING NOW!**

No. 3. THIRTY-FIVE SAVED . . . SEVENTEEN MORE TO GO!

Last July our people set the goal of seeing 52 people **saved** and 26 of those **baptized**, by July 1980. To date, we have seen 35 people pray to receive Christ and 12 baptized. **PRAY** for 17 more souls and that 13 more believers will obey the Lord and be baptized!


No. 4. SIXTY BARRIER BROKEN TWICE!!!

Ever since we came to Dryhill, we tried averaging 60 for the month. March happened to be our one-year anniversary month. Our goal? To average 60 or better. At the end of the month, the average was 66. In April, it was 65. Praise the Lord! **KEEP PRAYING!**

God is doing some great things at Victory Mountain. Our faith is growing! As we trust Him for little things, we move toward bigger goals. He is stretching us—demonstrating that **HE IS BIG ENOUGH TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE!**

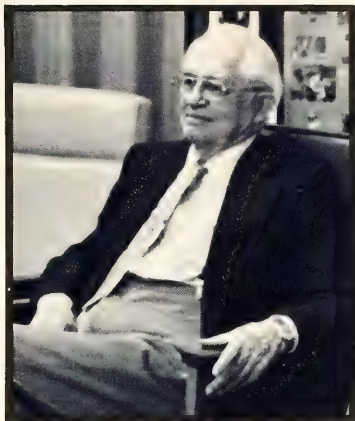
Thank you for your prayers. **DON'T STOP PRAYING NOW!**

Trusting Him for the IMPOSSIBLE!



"Where we tell you how to get to Heaven for Certain at the mouth of Hell for Certain Creek."

A word from one of our investors...



I am happy to have been a member of the Grace Brethren Fellowship for many years, and to witness the supportive interest that has been taken in Church building is most gratifying. The BIF was raised up to make loanable money available to growing churches with expansion needs. Real blessing comes to the depositors to feel that their money is being used to His glory in this way. We are happy to be one of many and continue to pray that many others will come to enjoy the same blessing as depositors.

Dr. Homer A. Kent Sr.

Homer A. Kent, Sr.
Professor Emeritus
Grace Schools

Brethren Investment Foundation

Write to us for more information: Box 587 • Brethren Missions Building • Winona Lake, IN 46590



Thanks

to you for making 1979 another record year at the Brethren Missionary Herald. The total income this year was \$1,157,000, the largest in the history of this ministry.

Much of this income was from sales of printed materials. About 4 percent of the income was gifts from individuals and churches throughout the country.

We want to thank you for those gifts as well as the purchases. We are looking forward to another outstanding year in 1980. In fact, it looks like the total income will be about \$1,250,000. You can be of help to us through your gifts.

June and July are offering months for this very special work, so place your gift in the offering of your local church. We are growing, but we will be able to grow faster with your help.

TEN LARGEST GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES


1. Homerville, Ohio (Robert Holmes, pastor)	\$4,423.33
2. Winona Lake, Indiana (Charles Ashman, pastor)	\$4,369.35
3. Myerstown, Pennsylvania (Luke Kauffman, pastor)	\$1,373.00
4. Rittman, Ohio (Robert Russell, pastor)	\$1,205.20
5. Lititz, Pennsylvania (Jerry Young, pastor)	\$1,066.50
6. Uniontown, Pennsylvania (True Hunt, pastor)	\$1,062.93
7. Fremont, Ohio (Lee Friesen, pastor)	\$1,011.50
8. Johnstown (First), Pennsylvania (Charles Martin, pastor) ..	\$ 940.00
9. Warsaw, Indiana (David Plaster, pastor)	\$ 906.36
10. Beaumont, California (Daryl Baker, pastor)	\$ 900.13

Thanks to everyone for your contributions and especially are we thankful for your prayers as the ministry of the printed page continues to enlarge.

Charles W. Turner

Charles W. Turner, *Executive Editor*

June
and July are
Herald Offering
Months



hoping to help in Christian ed, youth, and church growth



We've moved.
And we're still moving.
We want to help.

Judy Ashman, Director of SMM
Kevin Huggins, Seminars and Youth Programs
Ed Lewis, Youth Ministries
Knute Larson, Executive Director



Celebration¹ & Congregation² & Cell³

1. Worship in group praise and sermonizing and singing, with any size crowd.
2. Fellowship and mutual ministry in a group where you know each other and would be missed if absent, and others would be aware of your needs.
3. A small group—usually 4-12—where you feel accountable, are admonished and able to help others with specifics.

One of our great hopes is that every GBC person—that's you and me, will be involved in celebration—the main worship body and usually Sunday morning time. That pep rally kind of honor to the Lord is so important to the local body. And the diet from the pastor and Scripture is so balanced and good.

But there's also the need for congregation—where 20-45 people relate to each other and help when there's sickness or need or disappointment. Congregations study together and minister together and miss each other and encourage each other. Within a church, these groups—adult Bible studies and choir and smaller groups and youth workers—are a great help to each other.

The cell ministry is always 4-12 people who you relate to in a very personal way and who admonish and encourage and study the Word together. Your cell group might be your family or several families that study and pray together. Or a Bible study that makes a commitment to each other.

All three go together to make a healthy church life as you get equipped to reach out in witness and evangelism.

At CE we have a passion that more will take advantage of all three, and we hope to help.

Thank you for your continued support for our ministries. So many got behind our move to the new headquarters, and that's been a very motivating experience for us as we realize just how many friends we have out there. And you have continued to be a part of our regular support ministries which are expanding and meeting needs in a good way. We are appreciative of your gifts, your prayers, and your responses to what we're trying to do to help.

From all of us, our board, the churches that are a part of our ministries, thank you very much.

For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother [and sister] (Philemon 7 NASB).

Knute Larson

About your CE staff: **Judy Ashman**, director of SMM, recently returned from many workshops and visits to seven churches in sunny California, with appreciation for the hospitality and reception there. . . . **Carmen Garling Franchino**, new secretary and Lanier operator, was married to Seminarian Scott Franchino June 7. . . . **Kevin Huggins**, an assistant director in our ministries, also chaplains at nearby Grace College where he is making many friends. . . . Secretary **Crystal Roseborough** accompanied husband, Timothy Team Director **Brian** and helped guide our Rocky Mountain Timothy Team, visiting and serving in some of the churches that don't get as many FGBG organization visitors as others. . . . **Ann Schaefer**, our shipping and materials secretary, was married on June 21 to a college student, Ken Hynes, of Washington, D.C.



Walk Thru the New Testament

Monday, July 28, is the GBC Christian Education part of the national conferences of our churches.

Eight hours being guided through the beloved books of our Lord to us. You will see relationships, clarify the circumstances behind the writings, and identify the main messages of each of the 27 books.

And/Or

Take one of the very practical and provocative workshops offered to stimulate church growth and leadership.

Workshops

Premarital Counseling

Planning for CE in the 1980s
The Membership Process

Setting and Reaching Goals
Assimilating New Members/
Attendees

Anointing, Baptism, Baby
Dedication

Trends in Christian Education
The Church Board of Elders

Inspiring Teaching
Youth in the Church
The Successful Multiple Staff
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Sunday and Monday evenings at 7:00, with GBC Christian Education awards, inspiration and news about Christian Education, and special speaker Dawson McAllister.

Dear Jesus, You Ruined the Curve

Remember that horrible test when you got a 38! Relief started to come when you found John had scored 41 and Debbie a round 35. "It was an unfair, lousy test," you concluded in trilogy. "It was the teacher's fault. Now he'll have to grade on the curve."

Then Jane Beth walked by. "What did you get on the exam, Jane Beth?"

"I got 98."

Yaaaaaaaaaaaaa . . .

And no one congratulated the girl. They would prefer to kill her! She ruined the curve!

(Probably because she studied.)

And so did Jesus.

People then had settled into a relaxed religious ritual: "I know I shouldn't live this way, but at least I'm better than Jethro over there." "All of us are in the same boat." "You sin a lot. Welcome to the club."

And then came Jesus, de-

stroying the curve by getting 100.

A+.

And then some!

So instead of admiring and congratulating Him as first steps toward trust and reception, they killed Him!

But they are still accountable to be like Him or bear the judgment-sentence of His equally holy Father.

Our theme for the July 27 to August 1 Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches' national conference tells how God grades: "To whom much is given . . .

"Much is required."

No grading on the curve or by comparison.

That is not His way.

The good news is that as we by faith live in Christ, His 100 is multiplied and placed in the grade books as our grade. As we *obey Him, and grow in Him*, we have the right answers!

Thank you, Jesus.

The Middle of the Birthday Party

Good times go fast. Now here we are in the middle of the two hundredth birthday year for the Sunday school.

How's the celebration going at your church?! Are you helping the party be well attended, warm in spirit, and productive?

Light the candles for a very special part of the church: the Sunday school for growth in Christ and His Word.

A school with no limit to enrollment because of the Saviour's commission to reach out and make disciples or students.

Happy birthday to us!



A Challenge to Pray with Discipline

May we call you to **119:80-81**
in the Psalms (NASB):

✓ My heart be blameless in Thy
statutes, that I may not be
ashamed.

✓ My soul languishes for Thy salva-
tion; I wait for Thy word.

And may we ask each other to
take one spot a day to pray for four
special requests, and/or to fast with
prayer one meal a week to pray for:

1. Yourself—for obedience
2. Your Family—for maturity
and ministry
3. Your Church—for a Great
Commission vision
4. Your Fellowship—for re-
vival and growth

God will honor our unity and
goal to His glory as we head toward
conference and a special '80-81 for
church growth.

I Walked with “Doctor J”

I can't keep my basketball con-
nections secret any longer. Julius
Erving and I are friends.

Plus

I Stuffed Nate Thurmond

He's the big 6'11" center who
last played for the Cleveland Cava-
liers, and was known for strength
and hustle.

Dr. J, Mr. Erving, of the Phila-
delphia 76ers, just happens to be
probably the best forward in basket-
ball.

And that, sports fans, ends my
story.

Except for the explanation:

My association with The Doctor
was, in fact, brief. He, and the rest
of the Virginia Squires he then
played for, and I walked through
the Washington, D.C., airport to-
gether. (I got a feeling of what little
children feel when they walk
through the timber of adult legs!)

And as for the stuff (blocked
shot, for lay people) of Nate, the
story is true, but needs perspective.

He was then on the Bowling
Green Freshmen Basketball Team.
And I tried for Grace.

They were smearing us, and
Thurmond got a long pass for an
easy shot and I raced from behind
him and laid on his hands to stop
him short of two points. (I think he

made both foul shots, and I know it
was my fifth foul.)

So my stories look better in
headlines, without the fine print.

A reminder that often our claims
about Christ and His Word can be
just as much out of proportion.

I Walk with Jesus

I Stop Sin's Temptation

But the test is more constant. I
must be daily in God's will to walk
with His Son, and serving Him regu-
larly to claim growth.

Talk demands no maturity.

Claims come easily.

But it is something else to grow,
serve, work, share, and be the kind
of Christian that is a positive asset
to the church, witnessing to a per-
sonal relationship with Christ by
consistent, responsible ministry.

Pitching in.

Helping out.

Doing the ministry of evangelism
and education as if people's lives
depended on them.

That is more than talk.

Your local church, with all the
help we can muster, offers a Chris-
tian ed, youth and children, and
church growth ministry that can be
all the better with your vigorous
help.

As a friend of the Lord Jesus,
please stuff selfishness away and
help.

Some of Our Best Friends are — Christian School People

<u>School and Sponsoring Church</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>79-80 Enroll.</u>	<u>Year Begun</u>				
Grace Christian School GBC, Phoenix, Ariz.	PreK-9	400	1956	Grace Christian School GBC, St. Petersburg, Fla.	2-10	20	1977
Brethren Elem. & Junior High Cherry Valley Brethren Ch. Beaumont, Calif.	K-11	210	1965	Brethren Christian School GBC, Osceola, Ind.	PreK-12	265	1954
Brethren Elem. & Junior High Community GBC, Whittier, Calif.	K-8	417	1953	Warsaw Christian School Community GBC, Warsaw, Ind.	PreK-6	252	1958
Grace Christian Schools: Brethren Elem. & High School GBC, Long Beach, Calif.	PreK-12	1,023	1947	Lanham Christian School GBC, Lanham, Md.	K-10	125	1977
Los Altos Brethren Preschool Los Altos GBC, Long Beach, Calif.	PreK-K	92	1972	Grace Brethren Christian Schools Temple Hills, Md.	PreK-9 (PreK)	350 (1957)	1965
Norwalk Brethren Elem. School Norwalk Brethren, Norwalk, Calif.	K-6	450	1954	Taos Christian Academy FBC, Taos, N. Mex.	K-12	97	1978
Big Valley Community School Big Valley Grace Community Modesto, Calif.	PreK-4	181	1974	Brethren Navajo Mission & Boarding School Counselor, N. Mex.	K-8	122	1952
Rialto, Calif. Grace Community Church Rialto, Calif.	PreK	?	1978	Worthington Christian Schools GBC, Worthington, Ohio	PreK-12	550	1973
Grace Christian School GBC, San Bernardino, Calif.	PreK-6	202	1957	Ashland Christian School GBC, Ashland, Ohio	PreK-8	202	1973
Grace Brethren School GBC, Simi Valley, Calif.	PreK-1	46	1978	Woodville Grace Brethren Preschool Woodville GBC, Mansfield, Ohio	PreK	17	1976
Tracy Community Christian School GBC, Tracy, Calif.	1-9	46	1976	Grace Christian School GBC, Lexington, Ohio	PreK-K	31	1978
Grace Brethren Christian Academy Yucca Valley GBC, Calif.	2-9	23	1979	Grace Christian School GBC, Myerstown, Pa.	K-9	275	1973
Grace Brethren Kindergarten GBC, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	PreK-K	49	1955	Laurel Highland Christian Academy GBC, Somerset, Pa.	K-10	1,004	1977
Grace Brethren Kindergarten GBC, North Lauderdale, Fla.	PreK-K	32	1977	Lititz Christian School GBC, Lititz, Pa.	K-5	74	1978
Grace Christian Schools GBC, Okeechobee, Fla.	K-3	50	1976	Grace Kindergarten GBC, Anderson, S. Car.	K	20	1977
				Pike Christian School Pike GBC, Johnstown, Pa.	K-2	13	1979
				Riverside Christian Academy Riverside GBC, Johnstown, Pa.			1979
				Grace Christian School GBC, Irasburg, Vt.	K-12	97	1977

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SEPTEMBER 1980

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Miss Ruth Snyder September 8
Miss Lila Sheely September 30

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Mrs. Eileen Miller September 18
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WMC Operation and Publication Offering

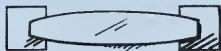
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WMC Idea File



— Have you received your copy of the new WMC constitution? Two copies were mailed to each council. If you have not received your copy as yet, please notify us at Box 711, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. It is not necessary for each member of your council to obtain this booklet. The local constitution printed in this material is only a suggested *form* and must be individualized to make it valid for your group. Check your own form and the one illustrated to see if some revision needs to be made in your own constitution.

— Credential forms for each local council were sent to you with your statistical form. Remember that these credential forms can be mailed this year ahead of conference to WMC, Box 711, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. This will save some time for the credential committee. Please note the quotation from the WMC constitution at the top of the credential form. Send ahead in plenty of time or bring the form with you to avoid confusion in seating of delegates.

— Have you seen the new official WMC stationery? Available for officers' use, it utilizes the new logo and was designed by Miss Jane Fretz of BMH. This is another way your Operation and Publication funds have been spent this year.

— WE APPRECIATE YOU! We as national WMC executive committee and national WMC board members want you to know it. Visit the WMC displays at national conference and sign up for a free gift. Names will be chosen each day and posted at the display. This is a small tangible way of showing our love for you as faithful WMC ladies. Sorry that everyone can't receive a gift, but perhaps YOUR name will be chosen. Our thanks seem small, but we know the Lord keeps accurate records and your rewards will be eternal.

— Pray for your district representative to national WMC board meetings to be held at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Friday, July 25. She will represent you in many important decisions. Support her in *every way*.

— Have a qualified instructor lead your group in CPR instruction. Basic life-saving techniques are good to know as well as soul-saving techniques. Practice both.

Home again

The following letter was first shared with WMC ladies by Ima Jean Burk and retold by Jane Peters recently when son Phil reached the age of 18 and changed status according to FMS procedure.

You parents with college-age kids, how often do you talk to the kids by phone? A missionary can't.

Did you help that son or daughter find employment, at least by advice? A missionary can't.

And when the youngster had a personal or financial crisis, could you help? A missionary can't since mail service often takes six weeks each way.

Does that youngster get home for holidays or receive loving care packages? A missionary kid doesn't receive packages or spend time "at home" unless loving relatives or churches *care*.

WMC ladies can have a big impact on the lives of MKs and you are important to them and to us. Love them, pray for them, even if they are 18.

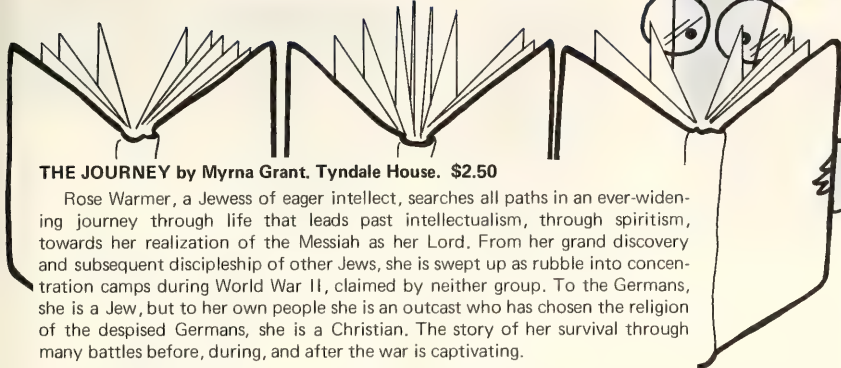
"If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear" (Ps. 66:18 NASB).

The preceding verse came to mind one day when the children had been outside playing and had not made an appearance into the house for several hours. I was sure they must be having a super good time. Minutes later I heard voices. Walking over to the door, I was greeted by two children whom I could hardly identify as belonging to my household. It was apparent they had been playing in the mud. What a sight! In that condition they were about to step foot onto my clean kitchen floor. Blocking the door, I told them they would have to first go down to the pond and wash off the mud. Reluctantly, they turned away, slowly making their way to the pond for a cleansing.

Closing the kitchen door, I thought how like that Christians are. We want to enter God's holy presence, but we regard iniquity in our hearts. We cannot get in. We need a cleansing. First John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Only then will we be able to enter His "kitchen door" and talk with Him.

—Ruth Farmer, Myerstown, Pennsylvania

WMC READING CIRCLE



THE JOURNEY by Myrna Grant. Tyndale House. \$2.50

Rose Warner, a Jewess of eager intellect, searches all paths in an ever-widening journey through life that leads past intellectualism, through spiritism, towards her realization of the Messiah as her Lord. From her grand discovery and subsequent discipleship of other Jews, she is swept up as rubble into concentration camps during World War II, claimed by neither group. To the Germans, she is a Jew, but to her own people she is an outcast who has chosen the religion of the despised Germans, she is a Christian. The story of her survival through many battles before, during, and after the war is captivating.

GOD! WHO ELSE? by Claire and Ruth Greiner. TriMark Publishing Co. \$3.00

In time of love, in time of loss, in time of sorrow, in time of worship, in time of supply, in time of disappointment, there is one who is a source of strength and promise. Who can give us the desires of our hearts? God! Who else? This volume supplies vignettes of the Greiners' lives and how they have found that God is their source of being.

DISCIPLINES OF THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN by Anne Ortlund. Word Books. \$4.95

Mrs. Ortlund, busy wife, mother, musician, and author, is concerned with the beauty of the whole woman. "Remember," she says, "for all your adult life you'll be a woman. And how you live your life as a woman, all by yourself before God is what makes the real you. Nothing on the exterior can touch or change that precious inner sanctuary—your heart, His dwelling place—unless you let it. Put first things first (eliminate and concentrate—the rule), and then live." Young women and old, homemakers and career women can all profit from this advice on how to live beautifully through disciplining your looks, your goals, your daily schedule, your relationships, and your life.

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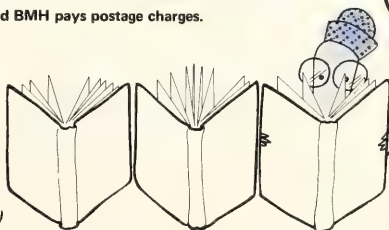
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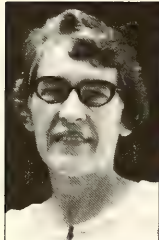


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Mrs. Norm Johnson



Mrs. Roy Snyder



Miss Mary Ann Habegger



Mrs. Bruce Paden

Called to Serve

The Missionary Birthday offering of national WMC goes towards the support of five missionaries serving under the auspices of the Foreign Missionary Society. By giving this support money, the FMS is then able to free the money that would have been given to the support of these five women to other projects that could not be provided in another manner. One might ask, why are women chosen? The answer would be that in this way ladies from our foreign missionary service can be honored during this time for their years of service to the Lord. Also, it is anticipated that each WMC across the country will get to know these five ladies better through the year and be able to pray for them more intelligently, knowing their needs and modes of service.

This past year of 1979-80 it has been our privilege to pray, honor, and give towards the support of the following ladies: Miss Mary Ann

Habegger, C.A.R.; Mrs. Walter (Alys) Haag, Mexico; Mrs. Norm (Cleo) Johnson, South Brazil; Mrs. Bruce (Anita) Paden, C.A.R.; and Mrs. Roy (Ruth) Snyder, C.A.R.

The missionaries that have been represented this year have come from varied backgrounds to participate in the Great Commission. It is interesting to see how the Lord led each of them in a different manner to serve Him. Of the five, only one had any background in the Grace Brethren Fellowship before her missionary call. Mary Ann Habegger spent her early formative years in Berne, Indiana. She was not affiliated with the Brethren Church until her life's vocation had already been chosen, although her family was definitely one that provided a Christian background. Alys Haag was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, but did not meet her husband until she was serving the Lord with another mission in the land of Puerto Rico. Ruth Snyder was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; met and married her husband while attending Grace Seminary. The Lord's leading can definitely be seen in each of these lives and their calls to the service of the Lord under our Foreign Missionary Society are unique. But God does not have

We Honor These

limitations of national borders when it comes to calling His children into His service and the Lord has used our other two birthday missionaries to illustrate this fact to us this year. Born in Brazil to a Brazilian pastor, Cleo Johnson heard God's call to service and met an American young man; they are currently serving in her homeland. A Swedish young lady, with a background of being an MK in Central Africa, met a young man in language school and today Anita Paden is serving with her husband, Bruce, in the Central African Republic.

God's call is for all to serve Him whether it be in our homeland or on foreign soil. These ladies are just illustrations to us of how we can be used: missionary housewives, nurses, teachers, storytellers—servants of the most high God. Let us not forget to pray for them even as this WMC year closes. We've made five new friends.

Dear WMC,

How do you spend the money sent for the Operation and Publication offering?

A Local WMC

	1	2	3	4	5
Disbursements 1979-1980+					
1 Program Packets					1
2 Mailing		5000			2
3 Leader's Guides		43675			3
4 Tapes		48750			4
5 Printing		70300			5
6			167725		6
7 Herald Pages			369500		7
8 Postage			39794		8
9 Office Materials			12200		9
10 Officers' Expenses			341639		10
11 President's Travel					11
12 (supporting WMC as					12
13 per National board					13
14 request)			91200		14
15 Incidental Expenses					15
16 Phone charges,		4703			16
17 Half tones		37450			17
18 Brethren calendar and		85450			18
19 other					19
20			127603		20
21 Pen Pointers			121140		21
22 Constitutions			38705		22
23 Annual			15360		23
24 Visual Aids			48260		24
25 Stationery			25530		25
26 Reports			17785		26
27 Membership Cards			2445		27
28 National Conference Expenses					28
29 (speaker's honorarium,					29
30 rent for meeting room,					30
31 miscellaneous expenses)			16668		31
32 Total Disbursements			1435554		32
33					33
34 + Fiscal year ends June 30, 1980					34
35					35

WMC has no office. No rent is paid or mortgages held. National officers serve without compensation other than expenses paid for travel to board meetings plus an honorarium for their work. Inflation has cut into WMC's pocket book as well as that of the individual. This past year the goal for the Operation and Publication offering has been the same as in the 1978-1979 year. Our expenses have been much greater however, with additional printing needed for constitution changes and Pen Pointer revisions as well as the needed new stationery. Please give liberally that this goal might be met.

Editor's Note: The North Central Ohio District of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches has adopted a "Sanctity of Life" statement which it has recommended to national conference. Part of that recommendation is to add to the statement of faith, article 5 "Man," the words: "Life begins at conception and is worthy of the utmost respect" (Ps. 139:13-16, Exod. 21:22-25).

The Sanctity of Life

by John Teevan, Associate Pastor
Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio

American Christians routinely accuse the Christian Church in Nazi Germany for failing to stand up against Hitler. In 1940 abortion and experimentation with the unborn were legal in Germany and illegal in America.

Today the situation is exactly reversed. Millions of girls are risking their lives, their ability to have children, and their consciences to have what ads in yellow pages across America call "safe, gentle abortions."

As America replaces God with Uncle Sam, prayer with lobbying in Washington, and providence with cash payments, Christians themselves are starting to believe that if it's legal it must be acceptable. Christian men can easily fall into the trap of having their daughter or wife have an invisible baby aborted secretly. It's legal. There is no singing of hymns, no pleas for mercy. It keeps the family name reputable, spares a lot of grief, and no one at church sees. Except God!

But abortion is not the only sanctity of life issue, and the unborn are not the only ones declared nonpersons. Jews in many cultures, black slaves, and Indians in America were declared nonhuman for economic and political reasons.

The same logic—based on wantedness, usefulness, and meaningful life—that permits abortion, also justifies the logic of Francis Crick, a Nobel Laureate who was quoted in the Pacific News Service as saying: "No newborn infant should be declared human until it has passed certain tests regarding its genetic endowment and that, if it fails these tests, it forfeits the right to live." His opinion is not unique.

Infanticide happens now, and the same logic can also be applied to the handicapped, the elderly, and eventually any group deemed unwanted or useless by whoever happens to be in control.

How does the Scripture establish Sanctity of Life?
First, "Sanctity of Life" is established by creation. Genesis 2:7 reveals man became a living soul when

God breathed life into Adam. Genesis 1:27 states that man, unlike plants and animals, is created in the image of God. "Sanctity of Life" is ratified by social protection. In Genesis 4:11 and following, God cursed and banished Cain for murdering Abel. Exodus 20:13 states that "Thou shalt not kill" or more completely "You shall not murder people." In the Genesis 9:6 passage, murder carries the death penalty because man is created in the image of God. "Sanctity of Life" is confirmed by redemption. John 3:16 states Jesus died for man, giving us the dignity of being worth the blood of the eternal Son of God. Philippians 2 established His becoming one of us as does John 1. Romans 3-5 establishes His payment for our sins.

Doesn't the Bible teach that life begins at first breath? Genesis 2:7 says that God breathed into the dust-formed man, and he became a living soul. There is no indication that this is normative. Adam was the only human formed of dust. Besides, God does the breathing here, while at birth the child does his own breathing.

Other passages indicate that God recognizes human life before birth. We read in Jeremiah 1:4-5: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you . . ." (NASB). In Luke 1:41-44 it is stated that John the Baptist "leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit" (NASB). Galatians 1:15 says that Paul was set apart from his mother's womb. Luke 1:35—Jesus alive at conception, and in Luke 2:21—only recognized as Jesus at birth. The same Greek and Hebrew words are used for born and pre-born children.

Does the Bible say life begins at conception? Not in nice proof-text fashion. We know there is human life in the womb. That life is referred to as a child's "unformed substance." That is a noun used only once, *golem*. The verb form of *golem* is found in 2 Kings 2:8 where it refers to Elijah folding his coat. The word carries the idea of folding. The human embryo

is round and flat until it starts to "fold" and take the fetal position. That folding takes place about a week after conception.

David refers to his reception of a sin nature at conception (Ps. 51:5) indicating his humanness at conception.

The Hebrew word for pregnant is *harah* which, while translated conceived, means more specifically "to become pregnant." Women become pregnant at conception.

The New Testament word *sullambano* means to receive and is the word used to translate *harah* in the Septuagint. "To take together" is a more precise translation and refers here to the egg taking the sperm and together forming a child. The very words used indicate that life begins at conception.

Is abortion punishable in the Bible? Yes. In Exodus 21 (NASB), various rules concerning violence are given to clarify that one should not kill. Verse 22 refers to two men struggling with each other, striking a woman "so that she has a miscarriage, yet there is no further injury" there shall be a fine. But verse 23 says if there is further injury (to the child born prematurely), the penalty is life for life. The picture is that of a fight resulting in a premature childbirth. The prematurity requires a fine, the death of that premature child requires the death penalty. Some reputable scholars regard this as a miscarriage (dead baby) requiring the penalty and the further injury referring to the mother. Even accepting this view there is a penalty associated with the induced miscarriage.

Is abortion the only "Sanctity of Life" issue? No. Allowing newborn (full-term and premature) babies to die of neglect is infanticide. Choosing specific groups such as ill, elderly, racially economically or physically handicapped, to die by someone's choice is euthanasia. Both are violations of the sanctity of life principle.

Is it advisable to make a strong statement on social issues? Not generally. Public outcry against homosexuality and pornography, for example, are current problems covered in a general way in our statement of faith.

"Sanctity of Life" is basic to our Christian understanding. In fact it is so basic that it has been assumed rather than stated. Similarly Christians have been accused of making an issue of inspiration while the Early Church Fathers and reformers were "vague" on it. That argument is nonsense. Inspiration appears vague in the days of the fathers and reformers because it was assumed.

The world has again made it necessary for us to

take one more tenant of the faith out of the realm of the assumed. To avoid being accused of being "vague" we must state clearly: "Human life begins at conception and is worthy of utmost respect" (see Ps. 139:13-16, Exod. 21:22-25).

What is "utmost respect"? It means prolonging and maximizing life. It does not mean prolonging or maximizing death. For example, removal of ectopic or tubal pregnancies results in one death but prevents the death of both and shows utmost respect for life. Similarly separation of Siamese twins, one with a four-chamber heart, one without, resulting in the death of the one with an insufficient heart often keeps both from dying. Some day possibly these deaths will be avoidable.

PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVES

If a local church believes in the "Sanctity of Life," what should it do? As a minimum, adopt a clear statement on the "Sanctity of Life," teach the people the sanctity of life, and provide a home, job, love, and adoption alternative for pregnant women in the church and community who are married or unmarried.

As a maximum, lead your community in providing an alternative. Run an ad in the phone book. Be involved in a community group to inform the community about abortion and alternatives. Help the community identify the politicians' views, use of public funds, public legislation, and hospital/clinic abuses of the sanctity of life. Consider church discipline for member parents who deliberately promote/arrange/cover an abortion for their daughter.

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News Notes

GRACE ALUMNI HONORED

A longtime teacher in the Warsaw (Ind.) Community Schools and a missionary to France were among those honored during the 1980 commencement exercises of Grace Schools held May 16 in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle in Winona Lake, Indiana.



Mrs. Willa Henry, Jefferson Elementary school teacher, who has been a member of the school system for 22 years, was honored as the 1980 College Alumnus of the Year. She graduated in 1958 as a member of the first four-year college class, sang in the first Grace College Concert Choir, and was among the first students to be selected for recognition in *Who's Who Among American College and University Students*. She also was a member of the first Grace cheerleading squad and the first four-year graduate to teach in the Warsaw schools directly upon graduation.

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Alumna Henry, who is the first woman in the history of Grace Schools to receive this award, was honored in 1975 as an Outstanding Elementary School Teacher in America. She and her husband, Ron, who is director of admissions at Grace College, reside in Winona Lake with their two daughters. William Katip, president of the College Alumni Association, presented the plaque to Mrs. Henry for being named the distinguished College Alumnus of the Year.



Missionary Thomas Julien, of Lugny, France, currently field superintendent for the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, was honored as the 1980 Seminary Alumnus of the Year. He received the M.Div. degree from Grace Theological Seminary in 1956, was pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in

Fort Wayne for four years before becoming a missionary to France in 1958.

Mr. Julien is the originator of the "Chateau Experiment," a unique church planting strategy that has been studied by evangelical mission organizations throughout Europe. He has served as a consultant in a project to establish a French language seminary in the Central African Republic.

Tom and his wife, Doris, are the parents of three children, two of whom are graduates of Grace College. Mrs. Julien accepted the plaque in behalf of her husband which was presented by James L. Custer, president of the Seminary Alumni Association.

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., president of Grace Schools conferred the baccalaureate and graduate degrees on the more than 200 students graduating from the college and seminary. Music for the commencement was provided by the Wind Symphony under the direction of Paul Milliman and the Concert Choir directed by Donald Ogen.

The seminary's highest degree, Doctor of Theology, was conferred on: Irvin A. Busenitz, Saugus, California; James A. Freerksen, Lynchburg, Virginia; Ronald R. Gibson, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Leonard H. Hillstrom, Beaverton, Oregon; and Stanley V. Udd, Essex, Iowa.

Marshall Noriega, president of the senior class of the college, presented a new sound and stereo system

for Alpha Dining Commons as the class gift. The Grace Seminary senior class gift was \$1,850 for a student aid endowment fund with interest to be used for a yearly scholarship. Stephen Hokuf, class president, announced the gift. Both were accepted in behalf of Grace Schools by Dr. Kent.

Mrs. Coverstone on Sabbatical

Mrs. Jean Coverstone, associate professor of art at Grace College, has been granted a sabbatical leave for the first semester of the 1980-81 school year. She has set as her goal the writing of a textbook on Art Appreciation from an evangelical Christian standpoint. She would like to have one that would be suitable for art appreciation classes in Christian schools.

At present, she has had to rely on her own lectures and a series of prints. In writing the book, she will be touring Europe, visiting art monuments, and objects firsthand. Mrs. Coverstone will leave for Amsterdam, Holland, on September 3 with her husband, Dean, who is a first-rate photographer. While their plans are not complete, they hope to visit England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy and Spain.

Mr. Coverstone will do the picture taking while Mrs. Coverstone makes notes and sketches. They plan to return home in early December so that Mrs. Coverstone can compile the material and get it in good shape for publication.

Boal to Come to Grace

John Boal, 6-7 center of Connellsville, Pa., who played a major role in leading his high school team to a 23-6 record this past season, is coming to Grace College this fall. He was the leading scorer with 539 points and his career total of 952 made him the school's No. 2 all-time scorer.

Boal received many basketball honors this past year and was also recognized as a top scholar by both Pittsburgh papers and by the Associated Press. When asked why he selected Grace over the many other schools that tried to recruit him, he stated: "I have dedicated my basketball talent and my life to Christ and feel Grace is where He wants me to be as I prepare for a ministry with youth or as a missionary."

John and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boal, are members of the Uniontown Grace Brethren Church.



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Bible School on

by Carolann Oswald

"Hey Casey, that was a really good dive," Tim called from where he was resting beside the pool. "I finally got up courage to jump off the low board yesterday."

"That's great, Tim," Casey grinned lifting himself up beside Tim. "By the way, are you going to Bible School next week? I think the lessons about nature sound really neat."

"Yeah, I'm going," Tim replied. "There's Lawrence. See him on the other side? He really walks funny in those flippers! Let's go talk to him."

"Free-style race," Casey shouted as both boys cannonballed into the pool.

"Tie," Tim panted breathlessly. "H-Hi Lawrence."

"Tie," Casey agreed. "How's old frog-foot himself?"

"Hi guys," Lawrence said. "I'm fine. If you think I look funny just wait till you see Herbert play aquaplane in his mask and snorkel. There he is at the four-foot marker."

"Hey Herbert," the boys yelled, "come on over!"

"Lawrence, are you going to Bible School next week?" Tim asked as the boys sat dangling their feet in the pool and waiting for Herbert.

"Sure," Lawrence replied. "I don't have a whole lot of choice. My dad is director this

year, and my mom is in charge of junior crafts. But it's OK, I like Bible School."

"Hello," Herbert sputtered while draining water out of his mask. "How are my poor landlocked buddies?"

"Just fine," Lawrence, Tim and Casey said looking at each other. Then, *splash*, in they jumped giving Herbert a real shower.

"Wheeee" went the life-guard's whistle as she shook her head 'no' and pointed to the giggling boys.

"Hello super snork," Lawrence gasped.

When they had all stopped laughing and were treading water to rest, Lawrence said: "By the way, Herbert, we were talking about Bible School. Are you going next week?"

"Sure," Herbert replied. "Hey, let's go get a snack, maybe we will see somebody else we know."

They all agreed that it was time for some refreshments, so off they went splashing, floating and diving to the snackshop side of the pool.

In the evening as the setting sun painted the sky lavender, pink, orange and blue, the Eleventh Street gang met at Erin's house.

"Have you guys invited anyone to Bible School?" Monica asked.

"Every one of us, but Her-

bert," Casey replied.

"Erin, are you going to Bible School?" Herbert asked pretending to be shy. He folded his arms in front of himself and looked at Casey saying, "There, I did it."

"Yes, Herbert, Monica already asked me and I asked her," Erin giggled. "But somehow, asking each other isn't really what I think Pastor Ben meant for us to do."

"Well, who else could we ask?" Tim challenged. "Even Mrs. McQuigg is going to help in the nursery."

"Well, Matthew 28:19 says to go into all the world," Lawrence said thoughtfully.

"Lawrence, just how much of the world can kids like us go into?" Monica asked. "Even Herbert can only fly in our neighborhood."

"Neighborhood, Monica, I think you have said the solution," Lawrence answered patiently. "We can ask kids on Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets."

"You're right, Lawrence," Erin said clapping her hands with excitement. "There are lots of kids we see in school but not in church. Maybe they don't even go to church."

"It is a terrific idea," Monica agreed. "Maybe some of those kids have never heard about Jesus."

"I think it will be fun," Casey exclaimed. "There are

Eleventh Street



six of us and we could go into our part of the world two by two."

"I agree with that," said Tim. "I'd be scared to go alone."

"We could ask Pastor Ben for some of the advertisements he had printed," Herbert suggested seriously. Then with a twinkle in his eyes he con-

tinued, "That way the girls won't have to remember what to say—they can just hand out the advertisements."

"Oh, Herbert," Erin and Monica huffed.

"It's settled then," Lawrence stated. "Let's meet in the church parking lot at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Pastor Ben will be there then

and we can ask him for the advertisements."

"I'm excited!" "It'll be neat!" "I can hardly wait!" were the children's exclamations as they said good night and headed for home.

It was a good feeling to know they had found their part of the world.

NOW

current news items of help and interest to you as Brethren

The following is a firsthand "Mount St. Helens" report from Charles Winter, pastor of the Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Washington:

It looked like a huge black thundercloud spreading across the western horizon of the Yakima Valley. Folks were already beginning to arrive for Sunday school on May 18 when my wife looked out and said that was not a cloud..."that's from Mount St. Helens."

As our people arrived they stopped on the church steps to watch the rapidly approaching blackness and to listen to the rumble of thunder.

A telephone call a few minutes later confirmed the fact that that cloud was a huge, tumbling mass of volcanic ash and dust from Mount St. Helens. The grumbling, steam-spewing mountain west of us had finally "blown her top." In less than a minute she had dropped from being the fifth highest peak in the state, to the thirtieth, as 1,000 feet of rock and dirt and glacier material blasted skyward.

Harrah Brethren Church member Lyle Taylor, scoutmaster of our local troop, had his boys on a camp-out on the North Fork of the Ahtanum. Hurriedly breaking camp and driving back towards Yakima he said "five miles per hour was too fast" in the thick, choking dust.

The fine ash that first fell soon gave way to a gritty, sand-like dust that covered everything. Churchgoers entered the sanctuary with clothing sprinkled with grey dust and ash.

Within minutes an eclipse-like darkness engulfed our valley. Lights in farm yards and city streets came on, birds went to roost and a chorus of frog voices from the irrigation ditches vied with the noise of thunder and lightning spawned by the volcanic eruption.

In the beam of headlights the volcano dust could be seen falling straight down like some strange hail.

Dick and Bonnie Schilperoort were with us and were planning to leave that evening on the first leg of the journey that would take them to the Chateau ministry in France. But all transportation in and out of the valley ground to a halt and it wasn't until several days later that they were able to make connections to get on a bus headed east.

The Sunday morning sermon was entitled "A Nation in Need of Prayer" and seemed quite appropriate.

Wheelbarrow loads of dust were scraped from the flat church roof and were used to fill in some low spots in the gravel road near the church. The parsonage roof was washed off and the muddy mixture all but buried flowers and other plants.

What the long-term effects of the dust will be in our valley is the subject of much discussion. Fruit trees and field crops were all pelted by the dust and even sharp streams of pressured water had difficulty dislodging the clinging ash.

Whether Mount St. Helens will quiet down or just simmer or repeat the May 18 performance, is anybody's guess. But what has happened will affect our lives for long months to come.

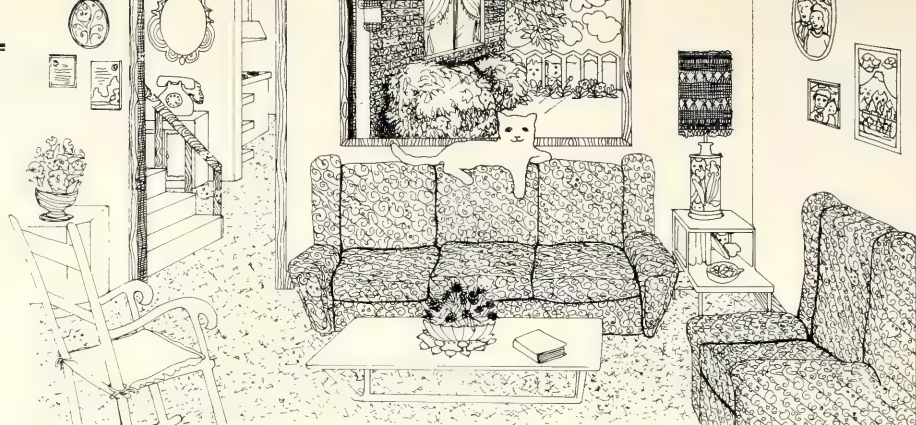
Proverbs 18:10 has taken on a new meaning to believers in the Yakima Valley: "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

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Snooks is proud of her family. Forty-three of her kittens are hidden in this picture. You are welcome to any that you can find!

Snooks, The Prolific Cat of Nanty-Glo, Pennsylvania

by Charles W. Turner
Editor

Several years ago while holding a meeting at the Pike Grace Brethren Church (Johnstown, Pa.) I met a very interesting personality. Snooks was her name, and she lived with Earl and Bernice Dishong. Snooks' gain to fame seemed to be because of the number of offspring she had delivered. At that time she had had a grand total of 104 kittens. But Snooks' tale is not yet finished—I have received word that her family is now up to 136, with the last litter being born April 20 which added six new babies to her collection. (Four of these new kittens were offered to me, but being a person who does not like to share in the "good" things of life I refused the offer to allow others to have the joy.)

Snooks will be 13 in September, and the Dishongs feel the story of the "Prolific Cat of Nanty-Glo" is not yet over. When I first met and chatted with Snooks over some good food in the Dishongs' home, I promised Snooks an editorial. She has been eagerly awaiting this for almost three years. But, you see, an editorial must have a moral or else the executive editor, of the magazine for which I write, will refuse

it! Any moral to this story is indeed dangerous, unless we keep to the main point of the story—that is, Snooks has a lot of offspring. I checked the word prolific in the dictionary and found that one of the meanings is: "producing abundant works or results." Therein lies my application, with the understanding, of course, that I am seeking to be most cautious in this whole matter.

Churches need to be prolific, Christian workers need to be prolific and produce abundant work and results. We labor so long and find the results to be rather meager for such efforts. How many spiritual offspring do we have to show for all the hundreds of meetings we have each year? The average church will have at least 250 gatherings of one kind or another during the average year. (This figure is probably very conservative.) Tens of thousands of "person-hours" are committed to the church annually, and how many new offspring for the Lord results in this labor of love?

If an insurance person were to spend a year selling his product and had one new policy to show for it, he would not have much food on the table. Could it be that we are working hard, but not wisely in our efforts? Often the statement is made that "the results are in the

hands of God," and this is true, but you must also remember the commands of the Lord as to what Christian service is all about. If we do what is asked of us by God, it is all right to claim and be assured of God's promises in obtaining the results. But if we claim the promise without the input on our part, we need a rereading of what God says about service.

It seems we debate the results of other Christian works as to method and depth, but gladly accept without question any positive progress in our own vineyard. I remember the little story about the rooster that rolled a huge ostrich egg into the henhouse. After the hens had viewed its size, the rooster was said to have made the following remark: "Ladies, I am not complaining, but I just wanted you to see what they are doing elsewhere."

Yes, Snooks has a lot of offspring, and sometimes the eggs are larger than those in our territory. It is also true that some vineyards have more and bigger grapes. But doesn't this give you a desire to see more fruit and spiritual offspring for the glory of God? Serving to that end certainly beats all of the complaints about what others are doing. It is also more pleasing to God, and that should count for something!

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35 Years Ago—1945

In the fiscal year just ended the Foreign Missionary Society reports an income of \$119,116.21. This is the largest amount in the history of the work. . . . The Albert Balzers are completing preparation to go to Africa, he as a builder.

15 Years Ago—1965

National conference met at Long Beach, Calif. . . . Brookville, Ohio, laid a cornerstone in the construction of the first of three new units.

5 Years Ago—1975

The history of the Southern Ohio District is in a new 200-page book telling the background and development of churches in that area. . . . Gerald H. Twombly has been named director of alumni relations for Grace Schools. . . . Thomas Hammers has retired from his responsibilities at Grace Schools after 11 years of service in the development department.

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Dear Readers,

The March cover of the *Herald* was the "Road to Emmaus" painting. It brought a number of thank-you comments to the *Herald*. One of the more interesting ones was a poem written by Miriam Mohler Hanson. You will find it on page 16, and I am certain you will enjoy it.—CWT

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A Decade of Opportunity

by Dr. Lester E. Pifer
Executive Secretary

A Brethren pastor from Sterling, Ohio, called the other day to say: "I have a family that is locating in Detroit. Where is the nearest church? Is a new Grace Brethren church being planned for this major metropolitan center?"

A Brethren girl from another church writes and says: "I am teaching in Detroit, where can I find a Brethren church? None of the churches here provide for me the kind of ministry we had in Columbus, Ohio."

A Brethren father calls from Detroit saying: "We have just arrived and are unpacking our things. How soon can we get a Grace Brethren church here? Are there other families here that we can get together for a church?"

Is God speaking to us through these voices? Is the Holy Spirit showing us a beckoning Macedonian call to this Detroit harvest field? My heart is stirred, several times we have tried in Detroit, but is now the time to step out in faith and launch our thrust?

It is interesting that immediately following the Apostle Paul's clear instructions on systematic giving to the local church that he recognizes the open door of opportunity for church planting. "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (1 Cor. 16:9).

Our American and Canadian mission fields offer tremendous oppor-

tunities for evangelistic Bible-teaching churches. Canada, fraught with many of the same frustrations as our field in the USA, seemingly is a wide open door to the Gospel. Reports of evangelistic meetings, church plantings, and a cordial attitude toward the conservative church are most encouraging. The cold clammy atmosphere of the apostate church is being penetrated by Spirit filled and inspired efforts in gospel evangelism. People are open to the dynamic power of the Gospel.

On our American scene is a real challenge for the eighties. Never have Americans looked ahead to a new decade with more uncertainty than they do now. Emerging from the 1970s is a nation aware of limits on its natural resources, a decline in global security, and its failure, so far, to solve the great worries of seemingly nonstop inflation, energy shortages, and social conflicts at home. Strong liberal trends have left our public educational process in a chaotic mess. Liberal social agencies have set the stage for serious sins in immorality, broken homes, innocent slaughter of unborn babies. Liberal moves in the judicial system have bred a lucrative area for crimes of all descriptions on America's streets.

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., our distinguished historian, writes in the *Wall Street Journal* this thought on the immediate future of Americans:

The issue is evidently not so much conversation vs. liberalism as it is fatigue vs. vitality. When the dam breaks again in the 1980s,

as it has broken every 30 years or so during this century, we will stop proclaiming our inability to do anything about our problems and stop luxuriating in our conviction of public impotence. . . . What we need today is not sanctimonious exhortation but detailed investigation and hard thought. For, when the new age of experimentation comes, it would be useful if we had some good experiments to try.

Secular writers continually ignore three important facts of life: that all men are sinful, have a fallen nature, and cannot help themselves. Secondly, that men everywhere are violating firm solid principles of truth set down in the Word of God on most issues that we face today. Thirdly, that God has provided salvation from sin, new life for the saved, wisdom from above, and a plan for happiness and joy on earth. Herein lies the thrill of Brethren Home Missions, proclaiming the truth of God, seeing God change lives and building a church atmosphere where their needs can be met.

Brethren Home Missions is taking giant steps to cope with the shifts in population, changes in life style and the strong desire abroad everywhere for the dynamic active thriving church. The Southern Gulf States and California show the greatest gains in population. We must plant churches where people are moving. This is the most convenient time for people to associate with the new church in the community.

We must capitalize on the social issues of the day and show families

that God's Word has the answer to their problems. We must build upon the uncertainty of the hour and show folks that in Christ there is security. We must buy up our opportunity when families leave the apostate old line denominations and invite them to a thriving, growing Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Most of all we must train and disciple our leadership to build energetic, active soul-winning, Bible-teaching churches that will stand by the faith and reach the whole family unit.

A current survey taken among the Grace Brethren Fellowship re-

veals that our pastors have grasped the responsibility of church planting. Hundreds are being disciplined for pastoral leadership, goals have been set to start branch churches, and pastors are very responsive to our national goals. This survey reveals that our goal for 52 new Grace Brethren churches by 1984 is very realistic. God seems to be calling forth Grace Brethren men to respond to the challenge of church planting leadership. As a Fellowship of churches we must accept the challenge of the eighties as our excellent opportunity. The eighties could be our last opportunity to

evangelize before Christ returns for His Church. It certainly is our opportunity to broaden our base to extend the Gospel to unreached areas around the world. It affords us the finest opportunity to support by prayer and gifts the home mission personnel we now have and to invest in the future leadership which God is raising up to carry the load in this decade. The Grace Brethren Fellowship has a great door for effective work opened to it. By God's grace, let's seize our opportunities in the eighties and bring glory to God in expediting the task.

Dr. Louis S. Bauman Memorial Portrait Placed in the Christian Hall of Fame



Dr. Harold Henniger (left) and Dr. Lester E. Pifer (right) with Bauman memorial portrait.

Ohio, hung from the ceiling. The choir, dressed in red, white and blue, sang patriotic hymns with the congregation.

The entire service was televised over a local Canton station. Channel 5 TV station from Cleveland picked up portions of the service for their evening news. Dr. Harold Henniger's message, "God Speaks to America," was directed to a capacity audience of 4,800, including 14 elected officials from the city, county and state.

Two new portraits were added to the Christian Hall of Fame, bringing to a total of 100 portraits of outstanding Christian leaders. An appropriate inscription was read for each. Rev. Robert Johnson, director of music and education, read the inscription on Stephen Paxon, pioneer missionary of the American Sunday School Union. This organization led by Paxton established 1,315 Sunday schools, with over 83,000 students, before his death in 1881.

Dr. Lester E. Pifer read the inscription of Dr. Louis S. Bauman. Dr. Bauman, son of an itinerant Brethren minister and evangelist, William H. J. Bauman, answered the call in early manhood. After a period of successful ministry, he learned from his mother as she said: "Son, before you were two hours old, I lifted you in my arms and dedicated you to the Lord for the Christian ministry." He served in pastorates in Pennsylvania, Indiana, California, and Washington, D.C. His pastorate at Long Beach, California, continued for 34 years, building a membership of over 1,900. Over 150 young men and women entered full-time ministry as a result of his work. At Philadelphia, a streetcar conductor named James Gribble was saved. Mr. Gribble became the first Brethren pioneer missionary to go to the Central African Republic.

At the dedication, Dr. Pifer presented to the Christian Hall of Fame Library copies of Dr. Bauman's books which came from his gifted pen and ministry in prophecy. This is the third Brethren portrait to be placed in the Christian Hall of Fame by the Brethren Home Missions Council. Previous portraits were of Alexander Mack and Dr. Alva J. McClain.

Pastor Bob Markley displays a cake for celebrating self-support.



Coming of Age in Coolville, Ohio

by Pastor Bob Markley

The graduation ceremony is over. We are officially self-supporting with diploma in hand. Actually we have only just begun. Self-support means to me that the farm team is now strong enough to be on its own as a team in the major league. And it's scary! Our Lord is a good coach, however, and to encourage us He reviewed the games of the past, with the failures as well as the victories. Coolville's verse for 1980 is Proverbs 3:6: "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

As the Lord and I traveled over the memory of four years of ministry in Coolville, it seemed that the keys to past success would be good ones for success in the major league as well. Those keys that worked for our self-support were: (1) controlled atmosphere, (2) concrete aims, and (3) complete abandonment. These keys will open doors for us in the future also, as we face it with confidence.

CONTROLLED ATMOSPHERE

To grow a church, someone must be the "watcher for souls"—like a caretaker in a greenhouse where life

depends on controlled atmosphere. No more can souls thrive and grow in a strife-ridden church than plants in a cold greenhouse. Everything must be bathed in prayer. Negativisms are as common as changes in temperature, and do affect the spiritual climate of the church. If the pastor leads the way, the contagion of a sweet and loving spirit becomes like the fruitful atmosphere of a lovely greenhouse and growth results.

My people have seen me down; really down. They have seen me "goof." They have also seen the sudden change resulting from a time of prayer together. This transparency matures them because they can identify and conclude that their own spiritual life is quite normal.

Satan, the enemy of every Bible-preaching center, has some special tricks for home mission pastors and churches. His oft-repeated "downer" is: "Everybody else is doing great. You are the only one with problems. Why don't you give it up!" For me, remembering that board and staff members of the BHMC have promised to pray for me, plus the host of churches receiving the monthly prayer requests, is sufficient encouragement to readjust my own spiritual atmosphere through prayer and feasting on God's Word.

CONCRETE AIMS

It is good to talk in "spiritual" terms about growth, but this "spiritual" idea must take form and substance if a mature, aggressively missionary church is going to be a reality. LRP + SAM is my formula for progress. LRP means Long Range Planning. No farmer works just for today, just for this crop, or just for this year. He patiently works his land today, this year, with crops in view that will give their yield in the years to come. As a pastor, I must work the same way, sharing my LRP with church leaders and members. This is a commitment to them which they have a right to expect and appreciation is shown by a reciprocal commitment from them. It is a somewhat risky investment, but the returns are more than worth the risk.

SAM means goals must be Specific, Attainable, and Measurable. There is no originality here, but it is a formula that works. Christian Education's PSA plus BHMC methods do it for you.

Self-support, a spiritual idea, must be translated into people and dollars. Once we have watched on a chart the direction our people line and dollar line have taken, we can project those lines and set the date. That's Specific! It is definitely Measurable and continuing months of chart plotting proves that it is

also Attainable. It is reached through a series of intermediary SAM goals in offerings, attendances, membership gains, and special efforts of hard work together.

For our self-supporting Sunday, June 1, we set a goal of \$1,000 total offering. We have had several offerings this year of over \$700, a couple over \$800, and once we were over \$900, so we set a new goal. Would we reach it? It was not a sure thing. But we are not afraid of failure. To attempt nothing is worse than failure. With God, one cannot help being farther ahead for trying even if he does not reach the goal. Our offering totaled \$1,074 with 83 people present!

The pastor, whether he enjoys it or not, is the key. As he stretches his vision and talks about it in many pastoring situations, his people begin to stretch their vision. The joy of the resulting relationship of love and unity makes the fellowship unique.

COMPLETE ABANDONMENT

In a missionary conference during the summer of 1944 my wife and I dedicated ourselves to missionary service in Africa. Our lives were changed in the following years as we lived temporarily, expecting to go to Africa at any time. After three attempts to go to Africa, the board (not FMS) told us we were too old—at 28! We never went, but this burden for missions, born in our hearts in 1944, never left us. We led the way in making our church missions conscious, even from our earliest ministry. A missions budget which includes every missionary endeavor of the GBC, rather than being a deterrent to becoming self-supporting, actually aids and abets that day's approach.

The LRP + SAM formula works here also. More than two years ago in one of our frequent growth talks on Sunday evening, we shared the challenge of growing and sending our own missionary. Perhaps one of the children or teen-agers in the meeting will be that missionary. That idea moved hearts. We also spoke of mothering a church in a nearby town. The SAM part of both of these is in the missionary budget at this time.

An update on mothering a church: SAM is showing his face in a Bible class meeting weekly in another town. Currently this class is a ladies' class (taught by a Christian wife who lives there) and families are being reached. An additional sidelight as recent as June 8: in His marvelous grace God brought another family from that town to our church. He used one other family in the church who lives near the church to bring them (the men used to work



Self-supporting congregation at Coolville.

together). This family in the church drove 20 miles to that town to bring that family to church and then the 20 miles back again to take them home. That's a missionary journey of 80 miles for the Lord—because they cared. With gasoline prices eating at the wallet, I call that complete abandonment to the Lord. How did these people get to the place where they cared that much? It is a part of the missionary idea of the church. But read on . . .

Our missionary outreach must work in Coolville as well as in other places in the world. In fact, it must work here at home first and best. A missionary church will not long be that if it does not work in its community. Our people have a heart for others, but they were not always like this. They used to empty the church in five minutes after the amen. One Sunday night about three years ago I read them a story during one of our frequent church growth talks. The story was of a nice little town that was a tourist attraction because the people of the town were so friendly. They had the neat little custom of making and exchanging "fuzzies." People would come there to buy the "fuzzies" and the town became prosperous. One day someone started a nasty rumor that there was going to be a shortage of "fuzzies" so people began hoarding, tourists stopped coming and times got hard. One day children at play discovered a huge cache of "fuzzies" and bringing them out, distributed them over the town and the town returned to its previously friendly state. So I asked them to take time to exchange "fuzzies" before going home. It was about that time, too, that we closed the

building one weekend and put a sign on the door that we had gone to the mountains of Pennsylvania camping together. What a change that produced in the way of love and understanding. Churches should rejoice and take advantage of the things they can do while they are small and then enjoy different things that being large affords.

It was later that "Adopt-A-Family" was instituted as our missionary outreach. This is something that any family can do, and is a continuing method of people reaching people, now in its second generation in Coolville. A family prayerfully considers a family to adopt; to care for, pray for, spend time with, picnic with, eventually witness to, invite to church, win to the Lord and disciple for the Lord. On commitment Sunday these names are written on a card and signed by the adopting family. The names then go to the pastor's prayer list, and later contacts are made and ministry begins—the farming method, if you please. "Adopt-A-Family" is a result of a home missionary.

The in-service-training afforded by the Brethren Home Missions Council is superb. In a transparency on church growth at a BHMC workshop, Dr. Win Arn showed us families reaching families in growing churches. The conclusion was easy: "Then this is the thing to encourage!" And it works! It is not 100 percent yield, but neither is my garden. The late Dr. Harold Etling used to say: "If you don't call on the ones you never get, you will never get the ones you don't call on." God, in His grace, adds to the church that sincerely cares about people.



A word from one of our investors...

My wife and I opened an account soon after the Brethren Investment Foundation began, and have been depositors ever since. We believe the BIF has done three things for us. First, it has encouraged us to save. Second, it is an organization where our assets are not frozen, but are used for the Lord's work; and the interest is comparable with other saving institutions. Thirdly, the Brethren Investment Foundation has enabled us to make a contribution to the Lord's work, "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Matt. 6:20

Clifford L. Sellers

Clifford L. Sellers
Grace Village

Westward Ho!



by Robert W. Thompson
Western Field Secretary

Westward Ho! These words from yesteryear are as poignant today as when they were first uttered a century ago. In that day the reason for the westward trek was gold, land, escape, or just adventure and it doesn't appear that the reasons have changed all that much with the passing of time. The migration continues to the land of the big trees, sandy beaches, sunshine, and entertainment. And now, with the eruption of Mt. St. Helens, we have a new attraction to offer those seeking new horizons. For many of us living in the West, this great influx of visitors promises bloated welfare rolls, slower freeway traffic, rising real estate costs, and racial imbalances; most of which are even now quite intolerable. And yet, for the Brethren church, this great migration provides the milieu for the greatest opportunity in the history of our Fellowship. Although our diminutive stature has been cause for embarrassment, today's shifting population gives us the chance of a lifetime! Each "transplant" becomes a prime candidate for a place on our national statistical report.

Why is this so? First of all, think of the overwhelming numbers involved. Historically the Brethren Church has tended to shy away from heavily populated centers, but we have sufficient indication today that the density factor is a decided advantage in church growth. To recognize the real possibility of a "strip city" from Canada to Mexico, one has but to drive north on Interstate 5 or Highway 99 and note the proliferation of towns and cities along this main street of the West Coast.

Furthermore, we must not ignore the decided advantage of a community made up of new arrivals. People have a tendency to be attracted to those who show an interest in them, and those churches with a caring ministry reap the benefits. One reason for the success of many of our Home Missions churches is their location in newly developing communities. But even in older areas which have tended to deteriorate there is, today, a resurgence of activity in new "move-ins." With the cost of new homes now beyond the reach of many young marrieds there is renewed activity in older communities for "starter homes." This brings a new dimension to an otherwise dismal picture in the changing image of such areas.

Made much of by the Chamber of Commerce there is a decided advantage to the climate itself. Although one might rightfully complain about the smog, the truth is, there are few days in the year that would actually hinder the work of the church. Visitation, church services, special activities, and so forth, are virtually free from interruption resulting from inclement weather.

Another factor that ranks high in church development is the West's "acceptance to change." Here change is the name of the game. Probably no other area in America is so characterized by variation and

diversity as right here in Southern California. It is true that not all change is for the best, but an atmosphere of acceptance is a decided precedent in the church factors of today. In places where digression from tradition is met with opposition there is a tendency to the *status quo*.

We should not overlook the cosmopolitan makeup of western culture either. Ethnologists are intimating that within a very few years Southern California will be predominantly Hispanic. There will be little need to travel far from home to involve oneself in a truly Latin-American missionary thrust. An interesting fact is the receptivity of these people to the Gospel and to the ministry of the Brethren Church. In those places where special emphasis has been made among these newcomers we have registered an excellent response, suggesting that here lies an entirely new mission field.

These are but a few of the advantages of planting churches in the West. Not everyone, of course, will or should become involved in such a pioneer venture. Only those desiring to chart uncharted seas, assail unreached heights, walk untraveled paths, will find ready challenge in the land whose history is made up of gold rushes, homesteads, land grants, and Catholic missions.

The quest today, however, is not for gold, or vast holdings, or even thrills and adventure, but rather for the souls of men! For those willing to "spend and be spent" there are success stories yet to be written. It goes without saying, there must be a commitment to the Brethren Church and a desire to extend its perimeters. Such a commitment will provide nucleus families for new Bible classes and congregations as they move from place to place. The need will then be urgent for properly trained men to provide

leadership for these newly formed groups—men well trained, not only in doctrine, but also in experience gained in their own local churches. Standing with them must be scores of faithful believers committed to the Great Commission as it finds its fulfillment in the development of new congregations. This synergetic effort of individuals, local churches, and the Brethren Home Missions Council will result in many new churches not only in the West, but also across our entire nation.

A century ago men were exhorted to action by the stirring words "go West, young man, go West!" The motivation of such a move was certainly different from that which I have in mind, but the urgency remains the same. We must not allow the moment of opportunity to pass. Your Brethren Home Missions Council invites you to share in this pioneering adventure of the twentieth century.

The Southern Brethren are



by William A. Byers
Southern Representative

Everybody is moving South! Is it because of the winter fuel need? Perhaps they want to move away from the volcanic ash! Whatever the reason, a great populace is moving

to the Southeast.

Over 300,000 people are now locating annually in Florida. The Grace Brethren are taking advantage of this move. Florida seems to be the leader now in Bible classes. Ormond Beach is sponsoring our new class in Jacksonville. South Orlando has sponsored Melbourne, bringing them to the place where they have now called Rev. Earl Moore as their full-time pastor. South Orlando is now sponsoring Lakeland. Rev. Ed Jackson has been used of the Lord in a mighty way to spearhead these works. The South Orlando church has, in less than one year, come current with their expenses and has announced their self-support. Okeechobee is sponsoring Sebring. New Port Richey is projecting a full-time pastor for 1981. Lonnie Miller, one of our faithful Brethren from St. Petersburg, is dedicating his time to start this ministry. The Florida churches increased their missionary offerings during this last year with the greatest advance in the history of our Florida ministries. Our next new church building in Florida is our Brooksville ministry. Pray for this fine progressive congregation as they continue to decide the size of their building and the proper timing for their construction.

This year marks the special event for the deep South! We now have the newly formed Southern District. This district comprises the Tennessee, the Carolina, and the Georgia churches.

Four new pastors have assumed their ministry in the Southeast this spring. In addition to Earl Moore at Melbourne, Florida, Dan Younger is moving to Clearwater, Florida; Rev. Steve Jarrell has moved to Char-

lotte, North Carolina; and Dave Hitchman has moved to Johnson City, Tennessee. We thank the Lord for the fine dedicated men He has given us for these ministries.

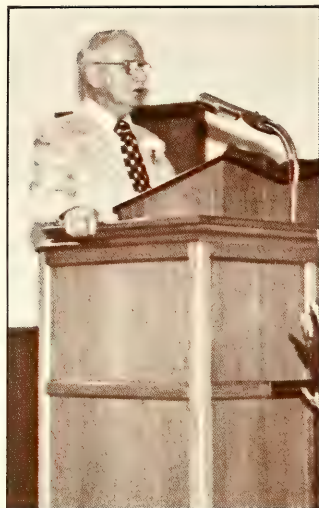
Other opportunities are opening! Some Brethren have written to us from Raleigh, North Carolina; and Columbia, South Carolina, to begin Bible classes. Brethren, the South is on the move! The Southern BHMC representative used to manage a simple schedule. Now it is a constant, careful study to integrate the schedule to meet the demand of the opportunities.

The greatest thrill is to visit our new progressive churches and have new converts discuss their thrilling conversions and the patient labors of our pastors in their ministries. There must be many Brethren across America that wonder many times what their gifts are accomplishing. If the testimonies of these new converts could be heard, all of our faithful supporting Brethren would thrill with the added blessing.

A few southern states are yet to be reached with a Brethren church. Pray for openings in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi. It is the heart's desire and prayer of every member of the FGBC to see more of our churches grow large and strong since larger churches can do certain special things others cannot do. It is also, however, especially needful to expand our ministry to every state of the union.

Our "Bountiful Harvest" campaign is determined to reach new states and new locations in these next few years to provide our Bible-teaching ministry to so many people who are lost.

Continue to pray for the South! You will see more!



Dr. Raymond Gingrich preaches during Longview's dedication Sunday.

Longview Moves Ahead

by Pastor Alan Jones

Oil, chili, and the Dallas Cowboys—where else but in Texas? However, the Grace Brethren Church in Longview believes that God's interest extends beyond these earthly things to the building of His Church in this great state. It is with this purpose in mind that several Grace Brethren families have committed themselves.

Longview is located in the beautiful eastern portion of the state, approximately 120 miles from Dallas. It has a current population of nearly 62,000, but the unique feature of this city is its growth. Presently it is ranked as the third



Longview's new building.

fastest growing city in Texas and it has been projected to exceed 100,000 by the year 2,000. Obviously this phenomenal growth provides a wonderful opportunity to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And it is with this factor in mind that the Grace Brethren Church hopes to capitalize by providing the area with a focal point of expository Bible-oriented preach-

ing with a Christ-centered message.

Since the beginning of this year, Pastor Alan Jones and the congregation have witnessed several significant events assuring them of God's blessing and direction upon this ministry. First of all, the average attendance figures have increased. The morning worship attendance on January 6 was only 15, but in April



Longview congregation.

we reached an average high of 42 for the month. The number has since moved into the mid-thirties as a result of summer vacation for our college students, families moving away from the area, and others taking vacations. But local visitors continue to visit church services almost weekly.

Secondly, the local congregation together with the Brethren Home Missions Council recently purchased an existing church facility. The attractive rose-colored brick building and four-acre site was acquired for the incredible price of \$70,000. The entire package included a partially carpeted sanctuary with 20 pews capable of seating 140 people, pulpit, 4 Sunday school classrooms, nursery, pastor's study, restrooms, piano, organ, and sound system. Since the purchase the congregation has invested less than \$4,000 and several hundred man-hours to produce a

very inviting and appealing facility. Now that one obstacle, the lack of an adequate permanent building, has been overcome, the prospect for numerical increase is highly favorable.

A third event which must be considered as a milestone in the history of the Longview Grace Brethren Church was the recent dedication service on June 8. Since Dr. Raymond Gingrich played a major role in the founding of this ministry, while administrator and professor of Bible at LeTourneau College, it was only fitting that he be the guest speaker for this occasion. His message was entitled: "The Temple of God—Its Distinctions and Dangers." Also in attendance and representing the BHMC was Dr. Lester E. Pifer. It was a wonderful celebration for the people who have faithfully prayed, labored and sacrificed to see the church take possession of a permanent home. A

total of 78 were in attendance for this climatic event and were greatly blessed by the ministry of Dr. Gingrich.

The Longview church, having reached one significant goal, is now looking with great anticipation to God's leading and blessing for the future. An outreach program is underway and a Vacation Bible School was planned for the month of June. It is through these and other avenues that we hope to expose our message and ministry to our "new" neighbors.

Naturally the local body of believers foresee many shortcomings as well as achievements in the future as they attempt to reach out into what appears to be a heavily church city. But Pastor Alan Jones and the congregation feel confident in God's message, power and Spirit, as they co-labor together with Him, in the progress of Texas' first Grace Brethren Church.

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**From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches
and the Evangelical Press Association**

□ A Labor Day weekend singles' retreat will be held at Camp Conquest in the North Atlantic District. Ed Lewis and Judy Ashman of GBC Christian Education will be handling the programming. Dates for this retreat are Saturday, Aug. 30, to Monday, Sept. 1. Cost is \$25. Registration is Saturday, Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, contact Pastor Robert Divine, Grace Brethren Church, Box 12, New Holland, Pa. 17557 (Tel. 717/354-9229).

□ Tim Kent, recent graduate of Grace College, began serving as minister of youth and Christian education at Grace Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va., June 15. Tim is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Kent, Waynesboro, Pa.

□ The New Mexico churches and the Navajo churches are forming a new district to be called the Southwest District.

□ The Rocky Mountain Region District is officially changing their name to Mountain-Plains District.

□ Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCoy of 2007 Pheasant Dr., Salisbury, Md. 21801, are considering the possibilities of trying to begin a new Grace Brethren church in their area. Anyone interested may contact the McCoy's at the above address.

□ At the conclusion of the thirty-sixth annual conference of the Southeast District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches in May, a new Southern District was formed consisting of all our churches in Tennessee, Georgia, North and South Carolina. The theme of the conference was "The Exciting Eighties: Decade for Church Growth." The Bible hour messages were brought by Rev. Wesley Haller of Lancaster, Pa. Plaques for outstanding church growth were presented to the Grace Brethren Church of Covington,

Va., and the Grace Brethren Church of Richmond, Va. Ron E. Thompson, moderator.

□ If you have a friend or relative in the Wichita, Kans., area that is looking for a Bible-believing church, send their name and address to Rev. Donald Eshelman, Grace Brethren Church, 1123 N. Terrace, Wichita, Kans. 62708. Pastor Eshelman will be glad to call them and invite them to worship.

□ Dr. Paul Bauman has made numerous trips to various parts of the world as a tour leader. He has another interesting tour coming up in October. This trip is to China, Hong Kong, and an optional extension to Japan. The tour will be limited in number, and if you want more details write to him at P.O. Box 8181, Longview, Texas 75602, or call evenings at 214/758-8875.

□ Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Sewell S. Landrum of Jackson, Ky., who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 26. Also, congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Yoder of Meyersdale, Pa., who will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Aug. 21.

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□ Hill Maconaghy, 204 E. Tioga St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19134. □ Ron Picard, 410 River Road, Englewood, Ohio 45322. □ Mike Volovski, 1111 North Juniata St., Hollidaysburg, Pa. 16648. □ John Viers, Tel. 419/522-9225. □ West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio, Tel. 216/625-3304. □ Big Valley Grace Community Church, 605 Standiford Ave., Modesto, Calif. 95350. □ Grace Brethren Church, 1603 Whitehall Rd., Anderson, S.C. 29621.

□ Pastor Mike Volovski has resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Altoona, Pa. Dr. Volovski will be professor of Greek and Hebrew at Manahath School of Theology in Hollidaysburg, Pa., where he received his Th.D. in May 1979. He will also be available for Bible conference engagements.

□ Bud Olszewski has resigned from the position of associate pastor of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, to pastor the Grace Brethren Church of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

□ Larry Edwards was installed on June 8 as the new pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. Pastor Edwards' new home address is 417 W. Water St., Berne, Ind. 46711 (Tel. 219/589-2006).

□ Rev. Alan Jones has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Longview, Texas. Future plans for service are indefinite.

Why I Joined the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches



Rev. and Mrs. Dave Hitchman

by Dave Hitchman

I spent the first 25 years of my life attending an independent, fundamental church in Mansfield, Ohio. I thank God for Christian parents, and for the fact that I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour at an early age. The early years of my life were centered around the church, with my parents, my pastor, and Sunday school teachers being instrumental in teaching me the Word of God, the importance of prayer, living by faith, and generally influencing me toward full-time service for Christ.

During my high school years, some of my closest friends were attending the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church. I always appreciated their fellowship and was aware of the spiritual quality for which their church was known in the community. It was through these friends that I eventually made the decision to attend Grace College.

Grace College means a lot to me personally. It was here that I made even more solid Christian friendships and was encouraged to study the Word of God in my classes. I heard great preachers that expertly communicated the truth in our everyday life and language. I met missionaries whose strategy was very successful in bringing literally thousands to Christ. I came into contact with godly Christian professors who devoted their lives to giving me a Christian perspective in the various disciplines within the

curriculum. I also had the opportunity to meet young men who were attending Grace Theological Seminary. I found myself desiring to study the Word of God in a deeper way, challenged with the study of the original languages, church history, and the great doctrines of the faith. As I reflect back over these years of my life, I can see how God has led me to make the decisions that I have made. I see how He has prepared me to do a work for Him. I also am aware particularly of what influenced me the most to adhere closely with the Grace Brethren Church. Although there have been other reasons, there were five that particularly persuaded me.

First of all, this group of believers held firmly to the Word of God. They understood this Word to be the inerrant, verbal, plenary, inspired Word of God. Whenever a matter in question would come up, such as the washing of feet or on the trine-immersion baptism, I noticed that their position was always first and foremost biblical. As I read their positions, I always thought to myself that it made sense. As I have grown in the faith, I have come to realize how important this position on the Scriptures is, especially in a day and age when many are falling from this position. Harold Lindsell makes this interesting observation in his book *Battle for the Bible*,

of all the doctrines connected with the Christian faith, none is more important than the one that has to do with the basis of our re-

ligious knowledge. For anyone who professes the Christian faith the root question is: From where do I get my knowledge on which my faith is based? The answers to this question are varied, of course, but for the Christian at least it always comes full circle to the Bible. When all has been said and done, the only true and dependable source for Christianity lies in the book we call the Bible (p. 17).

I am pleased to adhere with a Fellowship that unequivocally holds to this doctrine of Scripture. It is extremely important to me that I fellowship with other men who hold this same view.

Secondly, the Grace Brethren concept of strong independent, local churches governed by congregational forms of government, fellowshiping with other churches of similar persuasion was appealing to me. The more I examined this concept, the more I was persuaded this was for me. One of the greatest weaknesses I can see from a pastor's standpoint with the independent church movement is the lack of fellowship a man and his people have with other churches. A man of conservative persuasion who moves into a new community often has trouble finding others who hold to the same doctrinal beliefs and practices. With the Brethren concept of a fellowship of churches on a district and national level, a man is able to have fellowship and receive help from other men who are quite similar in persuasion. Yet, within this concept, the local

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church is independent in making decisions and overseeing the local church ministry within the local context. These seem to me to be in balance.

Thirdly, I have come to appreciate and admire the Grace Brethren zeal for missionary expansion. This concept of national organization gives them the ability to band together and accomplish a great deal more than single, local churches. It is exciting to see how God is working on the foreign fields: Africa, Germany, France, Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico. Men and women with whom I attended college and seminary are now actively used of God in other vineyards of the world. What a joy it is to have regular communication with these friends and to share on an occasional visit what God is doing in our lives. Then, to be involved in a church-planting ministry with the Home Missions Council is a sincere challenge and joy. I firmly believe this is where God is working now and for the future, and it is a rich blessing to be involved in the action.

Fourthly, I appreciate and acknowledge the Grace Brethren's interest and determination to develop various youth ministries. I am not the only one to recognize that our teen-agers and junior high people are going to be tomorrow's church. I see this as being a tremendously important priority that we all must address ourselves to. While attending the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church (Winona Lake, Ind.), I appreciated their priority to this area of youth. You can tell that this is a major priority from the grass roots up, and people these days are interested in seeing their children involved in a church that has things to offer them. It is a tremendous security to know that my children will have a part in these and other growing opportunities that the Grace Brethren Church offers.

Fifthly, my last consideration of strength which influenced me toward the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches was its strong educational priority—that of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary. I have attended both of these institutions and appreciate

the emphasis and instruction that the teachers have imparted to me. I have been strongly influenced by the way the doctrine was graciously imparted. I can remember men from other religious persuasions who were my classmates that raised opposition to the Brethren views. Never once can I recollect a professor responding in a vengeful way. Their attitudes and actions testified of their deep commitment to Christ and His teachings. It is my prayer as well, as I deal with people of various and sundry beliefs, that I might always respond to their questions in patience and love, allowing the Holy Spirit to confirm these truths to their hearts and minds.

In closing, it is my prayer that these paths that God has led me through will be of benefit to others who are making similar decisions. I also hope it will give people who now belong to the Grace Brethren Church an insight into how others view you. We are often watched when we are least aware of it. Might we always be willing to give an account of the hope which lies within us, until He comes.

(Continued from page 3)

On the Emmaus Road

*Their hearts were weary and troubled,
As they walked the Emmaus Road;
They talked and communed together,
Oh, how heavy seemed their load!
The Lord whom they loved and followed;
Whom their hearts had given room,
Was crucified and was buried—
Now was absent from the tomb!*

*A stranger then walked beside them
And talked till the waning day;
How their hearts did burn within them
As He reasoned by the way!*

*For it was the Lord who joined them:
He was all the prophets' theme—
He told them of Moses' vision;
He spoke of Isaiah's dream.*

*Oh, Saviour, come walk beside us,
When weary and hard the way;
And come in the early morning,
Abide till the evening gray.
When hope seems from us departed,
And our hearts be filled with gloom;
Grant us the calm of thy spirit,
Give visions of joys to come!*

—Miriam Mohler Hanson
Dayton, Ohio

Reaching the Unreached

The largest non-Christian religion is Islam, with an estimated 700 million Muslims.

600 million Hindus are found all over the world, with the majority in India.

Marxism and what we might call "secular religions"

include approximately 800 million people.

500 million people are Chinese traditionalists.

250 million are Buddhists.

2.5 billion are still unreached.

16,700 different ethnic groups have been identified as unreached.

**Renew
the
Vision!**

Brethren Foreign Missions

**80th
Anniversary
Celebration
Report**



Reaching the Unreached

"Christian missions are no human undertaking but a supernatural and divine enterprise for which God has provided supernatural power and leadership," wrote missionary statesman Robert Hall Glover. Looking back over the 80 years since The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was founded, the truth of that statement is verified, and it is a delight to share some of the blessings that God has showered upon the Society.

Since its inception, Brethren Foreign Missions has had as its primary goal the planting of the Church of Jesus Christ in those places where the Church did not yet exist. To date, 525 indigenous churches have been planted with a baptized membership approaching 80,000. Thus, foreign mission churches and membership are slightly more than twice the size of their U.S. counterpart. When it is realized that until the 1950s our mission had only two mission fields, Argentina and Africa, and that this significant church growth was accomplished with a mission force of just over 100 missionaries, the truth of Dr. Glover's observation about missions becomes evident.

Today the Society is also working in Brazil, France, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Germany, and Hawaii. In no field has the work been easy; it is only through the dedication and personal sacrifices made by committed godly missionaries that the Grace Brethren Church can today point with pride to these accomplishments.

When Brethren missionaries first entered Africa, they took as their slogan, "First the pagans and then the Mohammedans." It's exciting to realize that our missionaries have never lost that vision. A deliberate aggressive missionary thrust towards the unreached of Africa is a part of the present and future strategy. Missionaries are encouraged to engage in evangelism directed toward the Pygmies and

the Muslims, as well as several unreached tribes.

Today political divisions have created two Brethren fellowships in Africa—one in the Central African Republic and the other in the Chad. Both groups are prospering even in the midst of political uncertainties.

The training of pastors and medical evangelists in Africa has done much to advance the indigenous church. The African churches have their own foreign missionary society functioning, and they are now initiating plans to start a seminary-level program in French.

The churches in Hawaii have gone self-supporting.

Two congregations are organized in France; one in Germany. On both of these fields, as well as in Brazil, Mexico, and Argentina, missionaries are conducting extension seminary classes to train leadership for the churches.

But what about the future? The one overwhelming tragic fact that should grip and motivate the Christian church in this decade is the realization that, at the very least, 2.5 billion people do not know of God's love in Jesus Christ. That's half the world's population.

And what is even more significant is the pessimistic spiritual future projected for these people. Most are so separated by language and culture from existing Christian congregations that deliberate missionary activity is the only hope for their salvation. Without a massive, courageous, venturesome, missionary thrust, they will die without ever hearing the Gospel.

With such a large segment of the world's population still unreached, we dare not settle into a position of merely servicing existing churches. The eternal destiny of these unreached multitudes depends on the success of the foreign mission program. A goodly portion of missionary personnel must be penetrating that barrier that separates faith from non-faith, belief from unbelief. That is why it is so important for us to begin a work in Asia as soon as possible.

Brethren Foreign Missions is ready to assume greater responsibilities in the evangelization of the world. The prayers, the gifts, and the personnel from Brethren Churches will make it possible.

From
the
Director

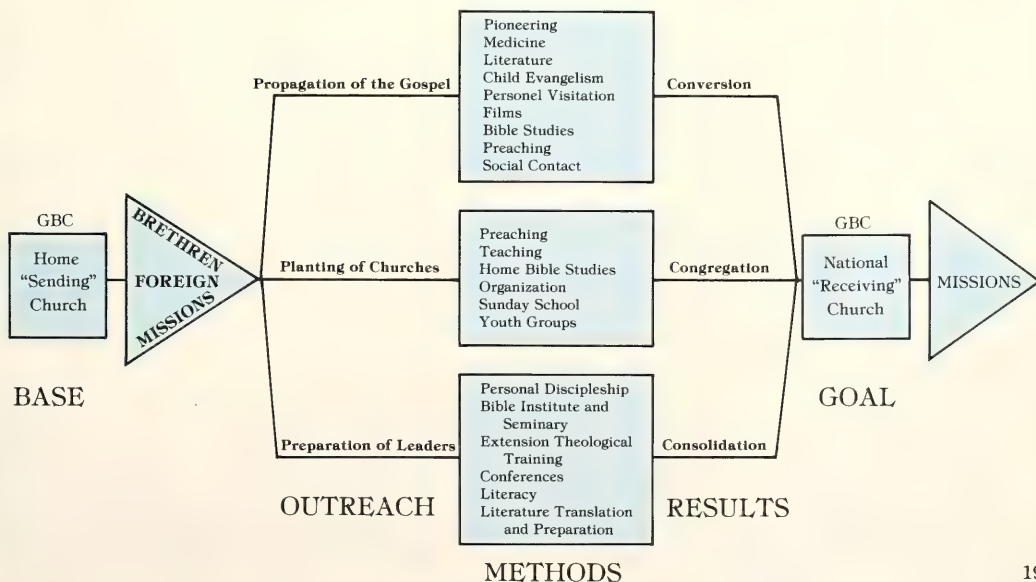
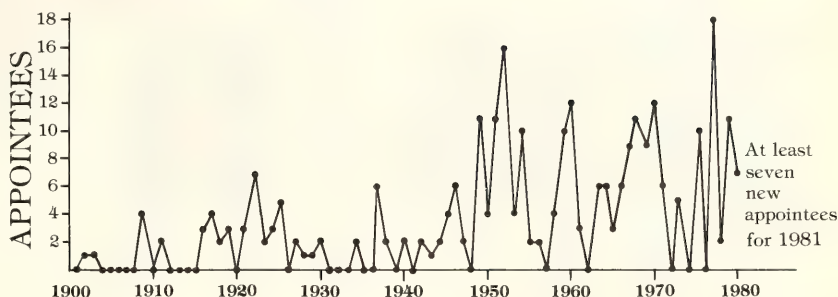


Reaching the unreached and planting churches will continue to be our objective in the future. Until the Lord returns, the coming years will present exciting opportunities for missions. Get involved. Won't you help us to renew the vision?

John W. Zielasko

John W. Zielasko
General Director

FMS Appointees, by Years, Since 1900



Europe

Africa



South America

In 1909, while most of the world waited to know the outcome of Admiral Peary's attempt to reach the North Pole, the attention and prayers of the Brethren Church went south, below the equator.

Argentina was chosen as a mission field. It was seen that, though the populous coastal cities had some gospel witness, the vast interior had none. However, the early missionaries never called their field "Argentina." They called it "South America"—a reflection of their missionary goal.

In 1949, the Brethren Church entered Brazil. The Amazon delta area was chosen as the target. Then in 1975, a new ministry was begun in an urban area, Uberlandia, Brazil.

Continued evangelism and faithful witness has resulted in the planting of 37 churches in South America. Bible Institute, Extension Seminary, camps, evangelistic crusades, literature distribution, and home Bible studies have aided the growth of the churches in these two countries where Brethren Foreign Missions serves.

One century ago the heart of Africa was still almost totally without the message of Jesus Christ. However, the faithful ministry of missionaries and nationals has spread the Gospel to most areas. Brethren Foreign Missions in French Equatorial Africa (a territory of 1,200,000 square miles) began its work in 1909. The early missionaries suffered many hardships but as a result of their labors and the prayers of the Brethren Church, a fellowship of 450 Brethren in the Central African Republic was organized with an attendance of over 100.

When our mission began, there were no Brethren in the Central African Republic territory. In 1960, they began their work. Thus, some Brethren have been in the territory and the majority were missionaries. Some missionaries retired only once in their lifetime in this country. 34 organized churches with a membership of 6,500.

Today there are many believers in the Central African Republic. Some are uneducated, some are literate, some are scholars, some are missionaries.

FMS Field Facts

nd of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:



Hawaii



When Brethren missionary work in Hawaii began in 1953, the islands were still a territory, not a state. Thus, Foreign Missions accepted the challenge of planting churches on the most populous island, Oahu. Hawaii is a true "melting pot" of races. Many of these people need to hear about Jesus Christ and His saving grace. At one time the whole population was considered Christian. Since that time, various cults and religions have invaded the islands. Evangelical churches are needed now more than ever. Today the three fully indigenous, self-supporting churches in the state have formed a district of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

Praise the Lord for these growing, vibrant testimonies that had their start in Brethren Foreign Missions.

The Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches enjoys its existence today because of a little group of Christians in Europe that was determined to obey the teachings of the New Testament. The religious persecutions of the 1700s left this group no choice. In 1719 and 1729, groups of the German Brethren left for America.

Thus, the Brethren Church is relatively unknown in Europe today. However, now Brethren Foreign Missions is reaching back into the continent of our church's origin.

Our work in France began in 1951. Later with the acquisition of the Chateau de Saint Albain as a neutral center, a bridge was formed between the French people and the church. Two local churches have been organized from the Chateau ministry—one at Macon and the other at Chalon.

Our mission in Germany was pioneered in 1969. After eight years with only one missionary family, more arrived and are aiding the work. One church has been established in Stuttgart, Germany.

Spain has been approved as a new field of missionary endeavor. We are awaiting qualified candidates to pioneer a work there.

Evangelism, Bible studies, films, Bible institutes, youth groups, camps, and drama are all employed by missionaries and nationals to build churches.

In spite of the Europeans' great spiritual indifference, God is building His Church and many people have come to know Him.

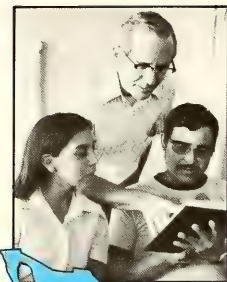
ge numbers of churches and impressive, yet there are still many peoples in Africa. Literacy programs and printing ministries, medical work, theological training, evangelism, building's, and youth and children programs are used to reach these people for Christ.

The Orient



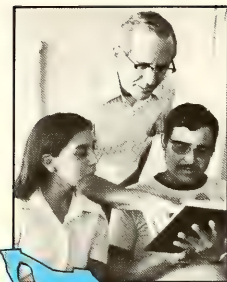
Puerto Rico

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Puerto Rico

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Mexico

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Brethren Foreign Missions' first church planting efforts were in Persia (where Iran presently located). Due to political turmoil the mission was forced to close. Then in 1921 Brethren Foreign Missions undertook a work in China. It was discontinued, due to lack of personnel.

Since that time, Brethren Foreign Missions has not had a ministry in the Orient. Recently, this needy area of the world was approved as a field. Now qualified candidates are needed. Pray that people will respond, and soon missionaries will be ready to go and reach the unreached in the Orient.

Spain had the greatest influence on the histories of Mexico and Puerto Rico. When the Spaniards first arrived they found Indians (highly civilized ones in Mexico) living in the lands. Today only a few Indian tribes are left in Mexico and none are found in Puerto Rico.

In 1951, Brethren Foreign Missions opened its work in Mexico in the Baja California peninsula. This work continues today with missionaries living in the United States and traveling across the border to minister. There are eight congregations in Mexico including the work in Mexico City which began in 1963.

The first work in Puerto Rico started in 1959 and was English-speaking. Today that church is Spanish-speaking and fully indigenous. The mission on the island is completely Spanish-speaking. One new church has been established and Bible studies are forming. More missionaries are needed.

FMS Field Facts

Continued

Many groups of people are still unreached in these two Spanish-speaking countries. But evangelism among the poor, middle income, and wealthy classes, to the individual and the masses, is producing churches.

Financial Report

Over the past 80 years, the Lord has financially blessed Brethren Foreign Missions. As you can see from the chart below, gifts have risen rapidly over the past few decades. Praise the Lord! We are indeed grateful for this consistent support by Brethren people.

However, due mainly to inflation and the devaluation of the dollar overseas, these gifts have not kept pace with expenses. The accompanying financial report demonstrates the deficit we have experienced for the past couple years. In order for FMS to make up these deficits and continue expanding to reach the unreached, we need your continued faithful support.

And thank you for helping to make our 80 years a success.

Stephen P. Mason

Stephen P. Mason
Director of Finance

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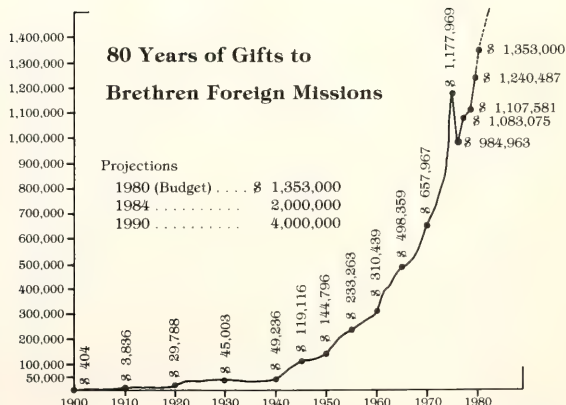
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Summary of the Financial Report General Fund

Income	1979	1978
Gifts	\$ 1,240,487	\$ 1,107,582
Interest & Miscellaneous	4,299	2,281
Gain on sale of properties	41,680	20,341
Total	\$ 1,286,466	\$ 1,130,204
Expenses		
Administration	\$ 136,385	\$ 126,180
Promotion	158,895	144,407
Missionary & Field	1,015,734	887,799
Other	8,569	10,111
Total	\$ 1,319,583	\$ 1,168,497
Net income (deficiency) for year	(\$ 32,937)	(\$ 38,293)





Under the Trees

One hot Tuesday afternoon in 1900, a group of determined people met on a knoll under the spreading boughs of an oak tree. In that meeting The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was born.

This happened during the Tenth Brethren General Conference meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana. One of the group's leading elders, Jacob C. Cassel, had challenged the delegates by presenting a paper on a relevant subject for any Christian body — "Are we ready to enter the foreign missionary field?"

When the matter was presented, the attempt to actually form a foreign missions organization was met with formidable resistance. To those who favored such action, it was suggested that there was plenty of room "out under the trees." Today a bronze plaque identifies the spot beneath these trees.

That dedicated assemblage of Brethren was concerned about reaching the unreached. Eighty years have passed. Brethren Foreign Missions continues to minister to unreached peoples around the world.

While praising God for His blessings through the years, it is time to rededicate efforts because the challenges at hand seem greater than ever. May the determination, zeal, foresight, and steadfastness of purpose to carry out the Great Commission, which were characteristic of those who founded the Society, still be found among the Brethren. Renew the vision!

In the power of the Holy Spirit
With the prayerful support of Grace Brethren churches,
And through the commitment of missionary personnel,
Brethren Foreign Missions will expand
To reach the unreached!

Send
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P.O. Box 588,
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and, lo, I am with you always
even unto the end
of the world.
A-men



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*Thank you for your prayers and gifts and
encouraging responses*

To whom much is given . . .

There's nothing quite like being thankful for wealth.

Bless me Lord, so I can be grateful!

But being well-stocked has its handicaps too. How can we tell if we're smiling at God because we're thankful or just because we're comfortable and like having a lot?

We skip meals now and then, but not because we don't have food or money—just to avoid getting fatter!

We cry a bit, but usually because of a problem that might sound petty to someone hurting with an empty stomach and heart on one of our mission fields.

We ache, but often because we played too hard; not worked to plow a stony field with a skinny ox, like a distant brother must do.

We have our hard decisions about Bible teaching, but usually it's related to knowing which of 20 books to buy or whether to complain because the teacher went too long; not because we have no helps for study or no one to teach us.

We talk about fellowship, but sometimes with a critical spirit toward someone who cares for us, rather than with the empty soul of the man down the street who has no church family to claim.

We have been given much.

But often we have been much given to apathy.

Not caring.

And then not caring that we don't care.

Let's change. Or, better, be changed.

Let's be a church so bent on gratitude that we pull together in love to work out our faith in good deeds toward others.

Because we have been taught, we have a strong mandate to teach.

Because we have been loved, we must love.

To whom much is given, much is required.

The Christian education and church growth force of any church is strong or weak in direct proportion to how many people in that church are thankful for what they have and fearful about their accountability before God.

The youth and children's workers in a church increase as gratitude does.

The best way to smile is when you're sharing!

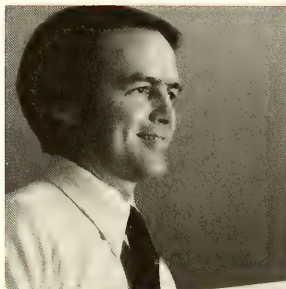
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Knute Larson

People Hoping to Help

- Leadership of the staff
- Vision and direction for total CE ministry
- Specializing in ministry to pastors, adult CE, and church growth
- Writing: CE pages in the **Herald**, **GBC Readables**, **Hmmm**, **Inside Track**, **Ac'cent**, **Precepts**, and **Pastor's Class**
- Consultation and seminar work.

Pastor Knute Larson, Executive Director/Pastor, GBC, Ashland, Ohio



- Training In Missionary Endeavor
- Operation Barnabas
- Youth Conference
- Brethren Student Life Volunteers
- Brethren Pro-teens
- Ac'cent
- CE Youth Program
- Works closely with staff coordination and office direction.
- Seminars on CE and youth ministries

Ed Lewis, Director of Youth Ministries/Associate Director of GBC Christian Education



Ginny Torolan, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director/Director of Customer Service



Mrs. Gladys Deloe, Administrative Assistant Youth Ministries

- Word processing for **Hmmm**, **Inside Track**, **Herald CE pages**, **Readables**.
- Helps coordinate CE Convention, Awards programs.
- Editorial and writing for: **Ohhh** (for wife-friend of the pastor) and **Bzzz** (for church secretaries)
- Customer Service—office reception, assistance to the district representatives

- Youth ministry word processing—correspondence plus **Brethren Pro-Teens**, **CE Youth Programs**, and some **Ac'cent** copy
- Processing applications for **TIME** and **Barnabas**
- Youth Conference registrar

- Writing and developing **SMM** materials
- Open lines of communication to district and local **SMM** people
- Writing for: **Ac'cent**, **CE Youth Programs**, **Brethren Pro-Teens**
- **Youth Conference** and **Operation Barnabas**
- Oversight of production of **CE** materials, shipping and purchasing

**Judy Ashman, Director of SMM/
Production Coordinator**



- Editor and chief writer for **CE Youth Programs**
- Seminars in **CE** and youth
- **Operation Barnabas**
- **Youth Conference**
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**Kevin Huggins, Assistant
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- Processing applications for **BSLV**
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- Handling offering and special gifts to the **CE** department
- Special joy in handling the **TIME** and **Barnabas** accounts



**Brian Roseborough, Assistant to
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Thursday, July 31



We would like all of you to see the special grace God has given to us—the new Christian Edquarters building for our Fellowship.

He gave it through you—in fact, gifts to pay for it are still coming in.

Thank you!

And do come by, if you can.

Any time is fine. And if you are at national conference Thursday, July 31, will be the official open house time.

The offices and shipping area are efficient, beautiful, functional, workable, warm and strong. Something like a lot of God's gifts!

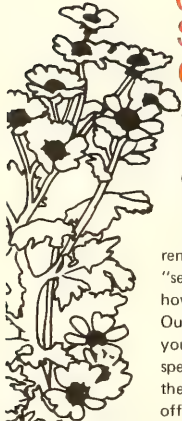
Thank you for helping Him provide it and keep it up.

The Growing Church

Celebrate Super People Over 60

by Pastor Bill Tweeddale

*Penn Valley
Grace Brethren Church
Telford, Pennsylvania*



Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church wanted to let the "seniors" in our area know how much they meant to us. Our youth and then our young adult class planned special meals for them to get the "Super Sixties" ministries off to a good start. Now we are having from 60-80 in attendance at our monthly meetings.

"Super" has become one of the most dynamic ministries in our church!

We are finding that older people are telling their children and grandchildren about the care of the church. Two effective laymen, John Kile and Paul Donnelly, are making the "Super Sixties" monthly special meetings go. They characterized their times as meetings of "happiness, enthusiasm, and dignity. The challenge of being instrumental in their hearing the Gospel of our Lord is exciting to us, too."

Estella Harley, one of the "Super" people, said: "It helps me make new friends, go places, and do things. I especially look forward to our 'Super Sixties Paper' and the programs."

GBC Christian Ed offices have contacts for other moving and growing ministries for seniors, including two of the largest in the nation. Are you ready for this special ministry?



**Thanks to you the 58 teens
and 8 leaders are working
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Women Manifesting Christ

Missionary Birthdays

OCTOBER 1980

(If no address is listed, the address will be found on pages 28 and 29 of the 1980 Grace Brethren Annual.)

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Mrs. Anita Paden October 11
 Mrs. Ruth Snyder October 20
 Samuel Paden October 27, 1975
 Rev. Robert Skeen October 31

BRAZIL

Rev. Tim Farner October 1
 Rev. George Johnson October 5
 Mrs. Imogene Burk October 18
 Caixa Postal 861, 66.000 Belem, Para, Brazil

FRANCE

Matthew Ochocki October 3, 1979
 Centre Missionnaire, 50 rue des Galibouds, 73200-Albertville, France
 Mrs. Sharon Stallter October 8
 Chateau de St. Albain, 71260-Lugny, France
 Joel Gegner October 22, 1967
 Marc Gegner October 23, 1975

IN THE UNITED STATES

Rev. J. Paul Dowdy October 18
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 P.O. Box 588, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590

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Meet the New 1980-81 Birthday

M I S S I O N A R I E S



**Mrs. Harold
Mason,**

Central African Republic

Margaret Lord was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and is a graduate of Bob Jones University. She and her husband, Dr. Harold Mason, served in Africa first in 1953. Following 13 years of service in Africa, the Masons remained in the U.S. after furlough in 1966. Some years later, still feeling called of the Lord to serve in Africa, they worked out a schedule of two-year alternating service with Dr. and Mrs. William Walker. That is, while one physician and family are on the field in Africa, the other is in the U.S. caring for the medical practice at Warsaw, Indiana. The Masons have just returned to the field for another two-year term. The Masons have six grown children.



**Miss Barbara
Hulse,**

Brazil

A ranch in southern Arizona was the birthplace of Barbara Hulse; later she moved to Tucson with her family. She received her R.N. from the Samuel Merritt School of Nursing in Oakland, California, in 1954. Early in her training Barbara became acquainted with several Christian girls. She was led to Christ by her roommate who was a Christian and a member of the McHenry Avenue Brethren Church of Modesto, California. Later, Barbara joined that same church. Feeling that the Lord would have her in foreign missionary work, she went to Grace Seminary. For one year, while she awaited her appointment to Brazil, she resided again in Tucson, working at a hospital and studying the Portuguese language at the University of Arizona. She arrived on the field in January 1959. Her work in Brazil is now in Uberlandia, southern Brazil. She is a member of the Silverbell Grace Brethren Church of Tucson.



Mrs. Jean-Claude Vieuble,

Central African Republic

Martine Vieuble (view-blai) is serving with her husband in the Central African Republic as a missionary, but she is also a product of the Brethren missionary work in France. She came to know the Lord at a youth weekend at the Chateau in 1973. Martine studied accounting and IBM programming and both she and Jean-Claude were active in the Chateau before they were married there. The "Friends of the Chateau" group is helping to support them on the mission field. They arrived in the C.A.R. in the late summer of 1975 and Martine has assisted in the mission financial bookwork as well as teaching in the French schools. They have two children.



Mrs. Martin Garber,

Central African Republic

Beverly Wooley was a native of California and grew up in the vicinity of Modesto. Before her marriage to Martin Garber, she took training at the Puget Sound School of Evangelism in Tacoma, Washington. After their marriage, Martin, who had previously served in the U.S. Army, attended Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California, and graduated from Grace Seminary in 1952. Their first foreign missionary service began in the fall of 1952 when they left for language study in France and continued on to the Central African Republic. Now, after a time in the states, they have again returned to the C.A.R. The Garbers have three children: twins—John and Joyce, and Lynda. Their church home is the LaLoma Grace Brethren Church of Modesto, California.



Mrs. Lynn Hoyt,

Argentina

Mary Knepper grew up in York, Pennsylvania. She was saved at age seven in a Brethren Home Missions church where her family was active. At a missionary conference she dedicated her life to missionary service. She met Lynn Hoyt at Grace College. Lynn was an MK and had grown up on the mission field of Argentina. After their marriage and while they were finishing their education, they ministered in the Grace Brethren Church at Kokomo, Indiana, and later at the Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, Indiana, where they retain their church membership. Lynn and Mary began their service in Argentina in the fall of 1975. There are four children in their family.

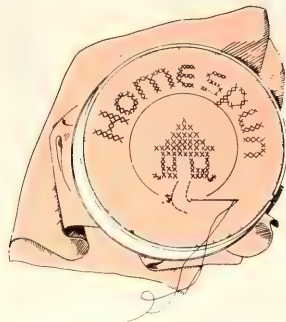
WMC Idea File

— **Be a weight watcher!** Not necessarily watching pounds, but watching the weight of extra minutes in a business meeting that should be trimmed to slenderize the WMC image. If you are a local president, print an agenda of things needed to be discussed and stick to it.

— **Be alert.** As a member of an individual council, each one should contribute time and talents to the making of a successful WMC. *Know* your local needs; the needs of missionaries, personally and collectively; the needs of your friends and the needs of the Grace Brethren Church as a Fellowship. Pray and help to implement the supplying of these needs. Money isn't always the necessity. At times, friendship and concern are the most important factors in needs being met. Show others you care.

— **Set goals!** This is the beginning of another WMC year. Set goals—ones that are within the reach of your group. It's terrific to see faith in stupendous goals; but if those goals are consistently out of reach or out of the realm of possibility, ladies become discouraged. If high goals are what you seek, don't fail to set some intermediate goals so discouragement and depression are not the demeanor of your group.

— **A WMC in every church.** This is a goal that has been set by the national executive of WMC. Yes, we think this is within the realm of possibility. WMC brings ladies together to study God's Word; WMC educates women to pray intelligently concerning missions and other needs of the church, specifically our Fellowship of churches; WMC is a place of Christian fellowship; WMC is stewardship of our resources; WMC is a helping arm of the church; WMC is banding together with other women of like faith across the nation in a singleness of purpose—to be Women Manifesting Christ. These factors are but a few that make WMC worthwhile in every church. Does your WMC fulfill all the needs as listed above? Will you help us to reach our goal by prayer and encouragement?



by Judy K. Dilling
Martinsburg, Pennsylvania

As I polished the antique spool case that doubles as an end table in our home, I reflected on the beautiful things man has made that have survived the years and have become cherished antiques. Pieces belonging to our own ancestors are especially cherished for their beauty and sentiment. I silently thanked God for my American heritage. My heritage—how precious! But wait, there is a greater heritage that I have—that of being a child of God—related to Jesus, the King. Have you thanked God lately for the rich heritage that is ours through the blood of Christ?

"A Prayer"

—composed one day while weeding

Lord, give me that faraway look,
Which sees not the weeds
And briars at my feet.

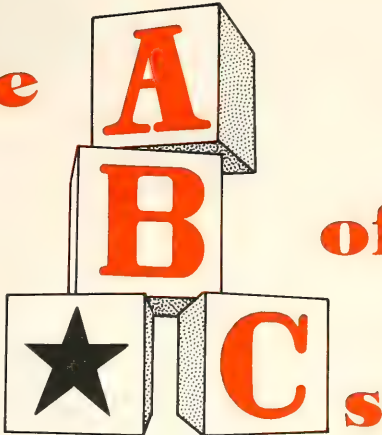
Let me see only the beauty of growing things
Against the horizon of many hills,
Banked by clouds against a field of blue.

Give me that faraway look
That sees not the drabness
Of proximity.

Lord, give me that faraway look,
Which overlooks the petty trials of the day.
Let me see only the beauty of a life complete,
Treading toward the goal set by God above,
With the calm of a steadfast purpose,
Give me that faraway look
That sees only
Into eternity.

Ruth A. Christian
Mabton, Washington

The ABCs of WMC



Educate! Educate! School will soon be starting for another term. We are all aware that different levels of achievement are present in the school systems. We would not expect first graders to be able to accomplish long division or algebraic equations. Neither are they expected to read the classics and understand all the hidden meanings therein.

Perhaps the analogy does not hold up entirely, but we, as established WMCs, cannot expect our younger members to be knowledgeable in all the intricacies of the functioning of the WMC program. The cry has sometimes been to simplify the workings of the organization. But the better idea would be to educate. As lessons in primary classrooms across the nation do not start with algebra but with the ABCs, let's start the same way with a new WMC program or educate new ladies in an established group. Don't overload. Every new member does not need to understand all national, district, or local organizational functions to be blessed by a monthly Bible study or educated

concerning Brethren missions or missionaries. But the child does not stay home from school because she will *never* learn *all* the things she has to know to be an educated woman. Likewise, if we train our younger women and new WMCs gradually in our organizational structure, we will accomplish the goal of a WMC in every church and a functioning, God-honoring group that will reproduce itself in another generation.

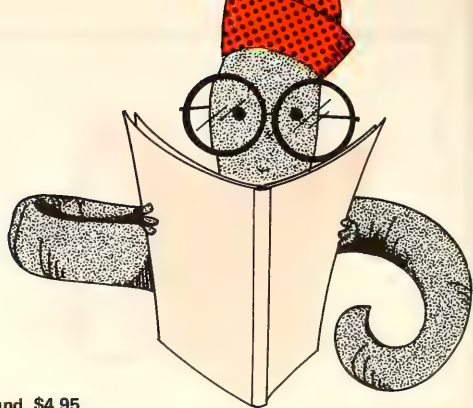
Don't know where to start? Begin with a few dedicated ladies who will start using the program packet with the helps included. As the ladies grow in the Word, some of the functional aspects or organization will come naturally. An entire slate of officers is not necessary initially, but a leader is essential.

Seek help from other groups and the groups who are sought out should remember to teach individual lessons, not the whole organization in one sitting. Encourage the one who says, "But why?" Remember how long it takes to complete one's formal education. WMC is no differ-

ent. However, one must learn through experience. It's hard to learn to swim by sitting on the shore. It's hard to learn to read without opening the book. It's hard to have a WMC without concentrating on the pattern and implementing the program. WMC has its own literature to aid in education of women, individually and in groups. The history book of WMC is entitled, *Through the Years* and will give background of the organization and the reasons for offerings given and programs supported. WMC's Pen Pointers also give instruction. Not all ladies in a local organization need to read each Pen Pointer. Some are for instruction for officers; while others are for the entire group. Ask for assistance. National officers are capable of answering questions and many others locally and in the district group are also aware. Don't know enough to even ask questions? Shout, "HELP!"

Some children claim not to like arithmetic because they can't get the right answer. How different is that same child's attitude when an educator finally states the problem in a method that is understood by the child. Don't be a quitter with WMC. Try the Bible study and the mission emphasis and add the rest *as you learn*. The child does not receive a diploma the first day of first grade. WMC can be a learned response; and Women Manifesting Christ in every church, a reality!

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DISCIPLINES OF THE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN by Anne Ortlund, \$4.95

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News Notes

by Vance Christie

Cindy Spradling, a chemistry major and 1980 graduate of Grace College is participating in Union Carbide Corporation's first ever co-op work/study program.



In three years she will earn a degree in chemical engineering from the West Virginia Institute of Technology while working for Union Carbide. Both Union Carbide and the institute are located in Montgomery, West Virginia, one hour east of the state capitol, Charleston.

Last Christmas, Cindy was scouting around for jobs to be had after graduation. She landed one with the Union Carbide, along with the stipulation that she would continue working toward an engineering degree. So Cindy began working for Carbide this summer. In the fall, she will get back into the books. Then each summer she will work for Carbide. In this way, following the co-op program, she will receive a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry Engineering degree in three years.

West Virginia Institute of Technology has a student body consisting of over 5,000 mechanical, civil, electrical and chemical engineering students. Her courses will consist mainly of electrical engineering, chemistry and math. The school is generally considered hard and she says that her particular program looks especially difficult. The undergraduate level work will consist of lecture and lab courses. Few of her courses will call for a combination of lab and class work.

After receiving her degree in engineering, the job market is wide open to her. "Even a person with a master's degree has difficulty in getting a job," she says, "but once you have your engineering degree you can go almost anywhere and find employment."

Cindy is the oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert K. Spradling. Pastor Spradling has a growing

church of over 600 in Charleston, West Virginia. A former Grace Seminary student, where he received the Th.M. in 1960, he and his wife have been at the independent fundamental Bible Center Church for 12 years. The Spradlings have one other daughter, Cheryl.

While majoring in chemistry at Grace, Cindy picked up a biblical studies minor. Prior to coming to Grace she earned some Bible credit by attending the Appalachian Bible Institute in West Virginia for two years.

At Grace, she was the junior class secretary and worked with the school's Artist Co-op in her senior year. She enjoys sketching and drawing, as well as the "homey kind of things" like sewing, knitting, and embroidery. During the spring semester of her senior year she took a rock climbing and rappelling course, which she found both challenging and exciting.

New Controller at Grace

Larry Chamberlain will become controller of Grace Schools in August. He, his wife and two children currently reside in Warsaw, Indiana, where he is business manager and accountant for the Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., and accountant for the Brethren Investment Foundation.

Mr. Chamberlain received his B.A. degree from Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, and this spring received the Master's in Business Administration from Indiana University. Prior to his experience at BHMC, Larry was employed as branch manager and lending officer at National Central Bank of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Bill Hofto will be assuming the position of assistant controller/senior staff accountant in August.

New Courses and Record Enrollment

Course offerings in the Grace Theological Seminary were increased again this summer. In addition to courses taught by resident faculty, there were a number of well-known guest lecturers. These included Dr. Ronald Chadwick, Dr. Kenneth Gangel, Dr. S. Lewis Johnson, Jr., Dr. John Lawlor, and Dr. James Ross-cup.

There were 225 students enrolled in the first term in the M.Div., M.A. in Missions, Th.M., and Th.D. programs. More than 50 additional students were on campus for work in the M.A. program in Christian School Administration. The college also experienced a record enrollment with 161 students registered. This included the nursing students who were involved in 12 hours of class plus 24 hours at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, each week.

Courtesy of Warsaw Times-Union



Steve Grill

The Grills: Colleagues, Brothers, Friends

by Liz Cutler



Mike Grill

Mike and Steve Grill are more than just brothers. They are best friends, tennis partners, business associates, and colleagues on the faculty of Grace College. Both did their undergraduate work at Grace, received their masters degrees from Ball State University (Muncie, Ind.), and hold doctorate degrees in their respective fields.

"Steve and I are more like friends than brothers," admits Mike, 34, the chairman of the Behavioral Science department at the college. "The whole idea of him as a brother doesn't even click for me. I think of him as just another good friend on the faculty, although obviously he's my brother."

"Our family relationship is different than most," explains the older son of A. E. and Kitty Grill of Dayton, Ohio. "We like each other."

It is not just the brothers; it is their parents and their wives, as well. "We take vacations together, as a group, just because we like to," he says.

Together they went to France and Switzerland one summer; while England was the destination another year. Over Christmas break this year, the two took a group of students to Washington, D.C., with Mike teaching a class in Christian Counseling and Steve leading a class in Persuasion. "The fact that we both happen to teach on the faculty ends up making it doubly nice, because we could take students along," says Steve, 31. Both accompanied the tennis team, of which Mike is the assistant coach, to spring training in Florida.

Steve, the chairman of the Speech Communications department, attributes their family closeness to its size—they are the only children. "It's easier for us to be closer, than maybe people who come from large families where you kind of spread your relationships among all the family members," he says. "We're a small family and really

close."

The Grills' offices are located a short distance from each other in the lower level of Philathea Hall on the Grace campus. "It's kind of neat to be able to walk around the corner and have your brother/best friend right there," says Steve.

The influences each has had on the other are obvious, although perhaps more with Steve, being the younger, than with Mike.

"I think it's really interesting to grow up when you have an older brother that you really look up to," Steve says. "Mike was very good in athletics in high school, much better than I . . ."

"Notice he didn't mention academics," interjects Mike with a smile.

"It was really something to be going to your brother's basketball games, track meets, and so forth. That's probably influenced me subconsciously in a lot of ways," Steve adds.

Citing instances such as a choice of college and a teaching career as possible results of a big brother influence, Steve is quick to point out, "Not that I necessarily tried to copy him. We're smart enough to realize that we're very different in some ways."

He continues, "In a lot of ways, he's always been the one to do things first, and then I kind of followed, except the college teaching, maybe. I got into that full time first, then I spent a great deal of my time trying to talk him into the fact that Grace would be a really great place for him to work."

Steve, perhaps, has not had as great an influence on Mike. "Because I was not following in his footsteps, people

didn't have expectations of me on the basis of him," the psychology professor says. The influences come more in the form of everyday interaction, according to Mike. "I would be hard pressed to put my finger on things specifically," he notes. "But there's kind of a constant give."

Grace Schools are intertwined in the lives of the Grill family, going back as far as 1956, when the two brothers accepted Christ during a series of meetings in which Dr. Paul Bauman, Jr., spoke. The former Grace Seminary administrator and professor was speaking at their home church in Englewood, Ohio. Through the meetings, and the godly influence of their mother, both boys made public professions of faith that week.

Several years later, as Mike prepared to go off to college, the influence of Grace again reared its head. "Coming to Grace was easy," says Steve, as the two talked about the decision to obtain their college education in Winona Lake. "We didn't have much choice in that."

"I think our mother heard the basketball team at our Grace Brethren Church in Ohio in about 1960 and made up her mind that the boys were going to go to Grace for at least one year, no matter what," he adds. "We have been very thankful for that."

So, in 1963, Mike arrived on campus with the intention of attending the school for one year, then transferring to Ohio State University to study dentistry. "I came and was involved in athletics and really enjoyed it," he says. "So I decided to stay."

Active in basketball, he was benched his senior year due to an illness. The English major turned more of his time to his studies, picking up a minor in psychology the last semester of his college career.

He credits Chuck Henry (brother of Ron Henry, Grace director of admis-

sions, and now chairman of the psychology department at Wheaton College, Ill.) with influencing his choice to direct his career toward psychology, rather than teaching. After looking at the possibilities, one of the most obvious was school psychology, something he did for nearly eight years.

Graduating from Grace in 1970, Steve joined the faculty a year later. "The timing was absolutely perfect," he says. The year he graduated and began working on his masters degree, the chairman of the speech department left to work on his doctorate degree. Dr. E. William Male, then academic dean of the college and now dean of the seminary, asked if he would teach until the department head returned.

"By the way," Steve notes with a laugh. "He never came back. I've been here ever since." In addition to his responsibilities as chairman of the department, he also directs the majority of the drama productions at the college.

Adjusting to being a faculty member, rather than a student, was difficult for Steve, who was hired when he was 22 years old. "I had only been out of school for nine or ten months," he notes. "I immediately had to turn around and come back and teach with people who were some of my best friends, had played soccer with me, perhaps girls I had dated, and teaching with people, who just a few months before, had been my professors.

"It took several years for people to stop looking at me as a student who just happens to be teaching a class, changing that image to, he is now a teacher here at the college," Steve says. "I think I like it a lot better now that I'm sort of established and have been around awhile."

Steve recently received a Ph.D. degree in educational administration from Ball State. "I thought I could make more contributions (to the college)," he says. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he is the assistant academic dean and was recently responsible for the completion of the new college catalogue. He has also served as assistant soccer coach.

On the faculty full time at Grace since 1978, the adjustment to teaching at his alma mater has not been as great for Mike, as it was for his brother. "I have had, as colleagues, a few people that had me as a student," says Mike. "This caused a little pain, because I really was more into athletics than academics, up until right at the end. Somehow, my doctorate degree, I guess has convinced them that I was

really brighter than they thought," he laughs.

"Or brighter than your grades indicated," his brother adds.

In addition to Mike and Steve's involvement with the school, their father has served on the board of trustees since 1971. And, since his retirement from business, has worked with the development department.

"Grace has really become a major factor in our lives, and consequently, since we are the family, in our whole family's existence," says Steve. "That is probably one of the reasons we are so involved in trying to sell people on the good things of it."

Another reason probably is that Mike and Steve have been in the unique position of seeing Grace grow. "We're starting to get some longevity," Steve notes. "With Mike coming in 1963, the family has been closely, uniquely involved in what's going on at Grace for 17 or 18 years. We've been able, over a long period of time, to see those good changes, to see how the school has grown, and gotten better and better. We have some perspective now, that a lot of people don't have on Grace Schools, just by having been around so long."

When Mike entered the college as a freshman, there were 300 students. The library was in a small room in McClain and meals were served at the Westminster Hotel, now the International Friendship House.

"I think, especially coming through at that time, you believed in the school," comments Mike. "It has gotten uniformly better, in every way you can think. We're 800 this year; there is talk that it will probably be 900, maybe more, next year. And, the students academically, just keep getting better and better, and spiritually, better and better."

Mike and Steve are also partners in Warsaw Health Foods. The small East Center Street (Warsaw, Ind.) store was begun several years ago at the suggestion of their parents, who own one of the largest health food stores in the Midwest (Dayton, Ohio). "It's way, way over what we could have hoped for at this time."

Their involvement with the health food store matches their active life style. "We see a real connection between the Christian life style, taking care of your body, physically being the best you can, tied in with your spiritual life," says Steve.

Their faith influences the way they teach, as well. "I'm becoming convinced that, at Grace in particular, anything we teach that isn't based on

biblical principles, to the best that we can discern those principles, really is of little value," he notes.

The speech professor recently has begun finding that there are Christians who have analyzed different areas of speech from a biblical perspective. "That doesn't mean in the past I taught things that were wrong," he says. "It means I didn't always know the biblical foundation for why I taught the things I did. I taught them because I was certain it didn't contradict anything that God said, but I really didn't know. More and more people now are making certain that the biblical principles have been looked up, and you can use those as a foundation for the class."

"Psychology is a little different in that a lot of academic areas really don't touch on moral things," Mike points out. "You can't avoid that in psych, especially in counseling." Although he discusses more controversial theories in his classes, Mike is sure to base the classes that he teaches, as well as the personal counseling he does on the Bible.

"We are more and more seeing that as a real important issue of the school," notes Steve. Both feel that one basic solution to the day-to-day problems of the school is to remain true to the uniqueness that is Grace College.

"First of all, the Lord's going to bless you for remaining true to it, and, secondly, that uniqueness will attract people who ought to be there," says the speech professor.

"It's all right to worry about money and students and everything else," he concludes. "But we have to keep worrying about whether we are doing the best job biblically, in doing the teaching of principles, and the rest will take care of itself."

And, as the Grace vine has woven its way through the professional lives of Mike and Steve Grill, it also branched out into their personal lives. Both met their wives as a result of the college.

Mike's wife, Becky, was a year behind him in school. They were married prior to her senior year in college. She teaches half-day kindergarten at Lincoln School in Warsaw, Ind., and works in the health food store. They have a nine-year-old son, Joshua, a third grader at Jefferson School in Winona Lake.

And, in a round-about-way, the college played a part in Steve's marriage to Elaine, the college roommate of his college roommate's wife. The two met at the wedding, in which both were attendants. She is associated with Family Realty, Warsaw, Indiana.

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This is the two hundredth birthday for the Sunday school, and many celebrations are planned for the happy event. But Sunday school at this time is also undergoing a period of evaluation. Dr. Win Arn has come up with some interesting data, and here is some of the material: the total Sunday school, church school, and Sabbath school enrollment in American churches has declined from 40,508,568 in 1970, to 32,607,421--a 24 percent drop in the past decade. During the same period church membership grew 16 percent.

Of the 42 major Protestant denominations in America, last year 24 reported at least some degree of growth in church membership. Of the same 42, only 12 registered any growth last year in Sunday school. The mainline churches have suffered big losses in this area. One example is the United Methodist Church--since 1964 they have lost 2,524,365.

But the mainline churches are not the only ones affected. One example is the Southern Baptist Conference. They have lost over 120,000 in enrollment during the past year. The Church of the Nazarene has grown 33 percent since 1965, and during the past two years has lost 28,429, and 24,441.

In the Grace Brethren Churches there are several examples of this problem. The Iowa-Midlands District reports a 24 percent decline in attendance during the past 10 years. The Northeastern Ohio District reports that only 2 of their 14 churches have Sunday schools as large as they did 10 years ago.

How does it look on the national level for the Grace Brethren Churches? As a whole, we have done by comparison, fair to good. We have at least beat the averages during the past 10 years. Our membership has increased 25 percent, but our Sunday school has not kept pace--it increased by 10 percent. Another way to look at this is that 10 years ago in our Fellowship we placed such importance on the Sunday school that 94 percent of the membership attended Sunday school. At the last reporting, we are down to 82 percent.

Conclusion? None. This is just to remind us of the reality of what is happening in churches today. Maybe a discussion in your own group as to its growth rate would be profitable. What is happening in our more rapidly growing churches? How do the attendances of Sunday school and morning worship compare in our Fellowship? Are the trends of the past 10 years still intact, or have the trends reversed? This is all for your thoughts and consideration.



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A reminder that we are living in an impersonal world which surrounds us. We have become mere numbers and many discussions have been held on this topic. You have more numbers to account for than even a genius in mathematics could possibly cope with. You have a house number, a Social Security number, a number at the bank, a license plate number, and a serial number on your car, credit card numbers, a telephone number, a time-clock-card number, and a mail box number. With all this you realize that the status of your person and place in society is very number oriented. We learn to live with it though, as the high price we pay for living in a modern society.

In this society there are also faces I miss that I once enjoyed that highlights this growing trend towards "impersonalness." One face I miss is that of the gas station attendant. When gasoline was 40 cents a gallon, he was there when I drove into the station. He had a friendly smile, he opened the hood of the car, checked the oil supply, and with brush and rubber squeegee cleaned my windows. He hinted at the need of air in a low tire, and even suggested that if I would drive the car to a location on his lot, he would fill it with free clean air. Not so any more. I drive into what appears to be a no-man's land, check the \$1.30 price, pump the gas myself—that is, if I can understand all the directions on the pump.

Then the little digital numbers race across the face of the pump with great speed (reaching new highs each week)! All this and still no face and smile, and no sign of help. I pay the bill through a little slit in the window, see a hand take my revenue, and hear a muffled word—"thank you." I am told it is for the safety of the attendants that they remain behind these barriers. I drive off from the self-service station and my right hand reeks of gasoline for the next half day. Yet, no one is there to help, or even smile.

You can visit "Martha," the "Money Marvel," now at your local bank. This machine, of the computer age, receives its messages through the key punch. It adds to your account, takes from your account, or jams and does nothing!

Where have all the faces gone? That long row of \$4.00 steaks neatly wrapped, lie in impeccable order. There are tags all in place, telling us that "Elsie the cow" is about as valuable as precious metals. I suppose some person somewhere wrapped the beautiful meats in the package, but where is the man called the butcher? Has he disappeared because he does not want to defend himself against the pricing? Once he was a family friend and now his face is no longer recognizable. Once he was

there to chat, now he is gone never to be seen, except for a fleeting glance as he refills his case when the crowd is gone.

A lesson, dear Christian, for us all, if we will but look and see. The people of the world do not want to be mere numbers, nor do they desire to spend their lives speaking to machines that may speak to us in computer like voices. What they want to see and communicate with is people and friends. Jesus is described as a friend and a brother. The visitor that approaches your church does not want to be a number on your chart as one more person in attendance. He or she wants to see friendly faces to meet them and greet them. They have been a number all week and now they are seeking a face, a friendly face and another person to make them sense a degree of proper worth. You might well be able to introduce them to a friend of yours named Jesus Christ. The soul of the person you have just recently met may well be in the need of salvation through Jesus Christ. A smile, a kind word, and a bit of hospitality may well result in showing them that the world may treat them as a number, but Christians seek to regard people as God's highest creation.

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35 Years Ago—1945

Missionaries from Africa at national conference were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foster, Miss Elizabeth Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kliever, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunning, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Morrill and Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton.

15 Years Ago—1965

Rev. Gene Witzky began his ministry at Pompano Beach, Fla. . . . Jerry R. Young, associate pastor at First Brethren Church of Kittanning, Pa., was ordained to the ministry. . . . The Herald Company burned the mortgage as the final payment was made on their building, which was erected in 1956 and paid off in nine years.

5 Years Ago—1975

Spokesmen II traveled 1,200 miles on their bicycles. Under the sponsorship of GBC Christian Education, they left Winona Lake, Ind. and traveled around the shoreline of Lake Michigan through Illinois, Wisconsin, upper and lower Michigan and returned to South Bend, Ind.

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Dear Readers,

National conference is now history and we were glad to have had the opportunity to fellowship with many of you. We missed some—sorry you could not be at Winona Lake for this very special happening. In NOW, on page 40, we would like to share a few conference headlines with you, and there will be more details in later issues.

Better get your plans started for next year's conference sessions!

Sincerely Yours,

Charles W. Turner

Something new has been added—see page 38 for a Bible crossword puzzle.



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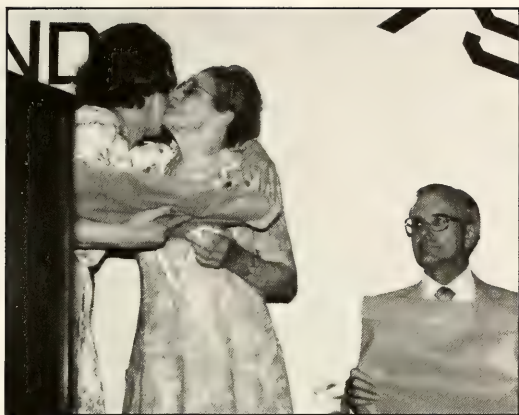
Reflecting . . . 70 Years in Argentina

by Peter Peer

Have We Lost the Vision?

It's really not very impressive, that gray sprawling building situated just a half block from the important intersection called "Cinco Esquinas" (five corners) in Rio Cuarto, the thriving commercial city of central Argentina. To the average man passing on the street, this old building holds little or no attraction and certainly no historical

Above: Eduardo Coria addresses the congregation at Rio Cuarto.



Mrs. Loree Sickel receives a gift from the Argentine church as her son-in-law, Jack Churchill, observes.

significance. Yet, this missionary has often wandered through its seasoned, and in some places dilapidated, halls with a sensation between thrill and wonder as I've considered the significance of this place in God's history.

Rio Cuarto was the city chosen by the first Brethren missionaries as the starting place. Here they dug their first spiritual foxhole in the battle to take the message of Jesus to a needy Argentina. And this old building, now groaning from the effects of age on its weary structure, has seen many a spiritual battle, some won and, regretfully, some lost.

In this old building the message has been preached, souls have been won to Christ, people have been baptized, and saints have been edified for nearly seven decades. Scenes of spiritual advances, bloody battles, weary retreat, and

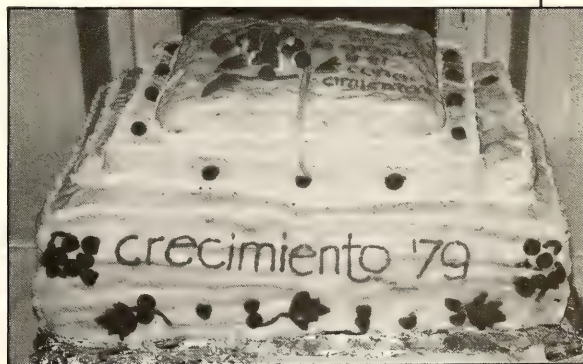
renewed advances have been acted out on this very spot by faithful men, both missionary and national.

So it is with many places—insignificant to man's history but important to Jesus Christ and the history of His Church. It is not strange, then, that a young missionary should stand back in wonder at his heritage.

November of 1979 brought these thoughts rushing into the minds of all missionaries as we celebrated the date when pioneer missionary Dr. Charles F. Yoder, with his family, arrived in Rio Cuarto back in 1909. It was the Brethren Church's first effort to reach the great South American continent.

The old church was filled to overflowing those three days of early November 1979. The invisible church, the body of Christ, met not just to reminisce but to be reminded about the

The anniversary cake.



needs of today and the challenge of tomorrow.

The guest speaker was Rev. Jack Churchill, missionary to Mexico, who spent three terms of service in Argentina. Traveling with him was his mother-in-law, Mrs. Loree Sickel, who served longer than any other Brethren missionary in Argentina. It was a joy to have her here again.

Among the other guests was Mrs. Eleanor Romanenghi, daughter of the first missionary, Charles Yoder. Antonio Gamarra, now serving the Lord in Venezuela, was present. He worked with the Bible Coach in the early years.

Joining in the celebration was Domingo Reina. He was one of our earliest national pastors who was saved under the ministry of Missionary Leonard Webb and who served faithfully



Many of the early national pastors and workers were present.

Mrs. Sickel (left) enjoyed chatting with old friends.



in the Brethren Church for almost 25 years. Ricardo Wagner was there and, though retired, he still serves the Lord in the Brethren Church. Also present were Luis Siccardi, who for many years was a faithful pastor; and Juan Pisani, another of the early workers.

Activities for the three days included early morning prayer services in which the church laid before the Lord her present and future needs. Reports were given from each of the local churches of her needs and achievements. There were moments of fellowship and of recalling the past with the early workers. A special slide presentation was prepared about the early days of the work in Argentina. Challenging messages were presented by Mr. Churchill and national



Many people enjoyed the celebration dinner.

The motto for the year was "Growth in '79." How important it is to grow. And, as I reflect on the past, I wonder why we've not grown more.

The early missionaries to Argentina never called their field "Argentina." They called it "South America." That is a reflection of their missionary goal. It was not their idea to win just Argentina, but all of South America.

Why has the Brethren Church worked in only the South American countries of Brazil and Argentina? Could it be that the Brethren Church has lost the vision for growth in all of South America? Could it be that I've lost that vision and that you've lost that vision?

Pray, and renew the vision!

pastor, Eduardo Coria. The meetings were a harmonious blend of contemplation of the past with a view to consecration for the future.

At the meeting Sunday afternoon, all of the former pastors were recognized and presented with a gift. Special gifts were presented to Mrs. Sickel, Mr. Churchill, and to the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. The seventieth anniversary cake was cut in a moment of social fellowship before the last service in which Mr. Churchill brought a closing message.

Is it healthy to reflect on the past? Our brethren in Argentina would say yes. The seventieth anniversary celebration was for the Argentine church a time of challenge, a time for reflection, and a time of mutual strengthening.

National worker Domingo Reina greets Mrs. Romanenghi, daughter of the first Brethren missionaries to Argentina.





A Time for Missionary Advance

by John W. Zielasko

"A dangerous decade, threatening the western way of life." These ominous words from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher alert the West to trouble ahead.

A group of experts who attended intensive seminar sessions at Harvard's Institute of Politics recently gave the gloomy prediction that the Soviet Union would soon achieve political dominance in the Persian Gulf.

And so it goes. Doomsday is preached, not by prophets, but by politicians and scientists.

The informed Christian, aware of the Bible's teaching, can look beyond the immediate foreboding forecast to a glorious future with Christ. However, it is also true that missions cannot afford to ignore present world conditions. The political destiny of countries very definitely affects the missionary enterprise.

It was politics that closed China, politics that restricts Christian activity in Russia, and politics in the person of Idi Amin that caused the death of thousands in Uganda and harassed the Christian Church. Politics keeps missionaries from receiving visas in some countries, and politics restricts the activities of missionaries.

In spite of this, the Christian missionary must have faith to believe that obedience to the Great Commission is not dependent on politics. Many mission organizations began in periods of political turmoil.

For example, the mission societies of Great Britain came into being while Napoleon was

plundering Europe; during the War of 1812, the United States sent out her first foreign missionaries; and in the midst of the American Civil War, old mission societies experienced remarkable growth and new mission organizations were formed.

In times of chaos and suffering, Christians have responded with greater commitment and greater sacrifice. There is no reason to believe that the eighties will be different.

In the midst of the precarious world scene (perhaps because of it), the evangelical church and the foreign missions enterprise are prospering in a way unprecedented in history. The electronic church attracts millions. Big churches flourish not only in the United States, but also overseas. Evangelical seminaries are thriving. Christian schools are mushrooming. National churches are making their presence felt. The missionary responsibility is gaining momentum among Third World churches. Young people are flocking to youth conferences and once again are seriously considering careers in missions.

The need to intensify Christian missionary activity in the world has never been more urgent. More than half of the world's population is still untouched by the Christian message of salvation through Christ.

In spite of this colossal challenge, less than one-third of the Protestant missionary force is directed toward the reaching of the lost. A recent analysis reveals that most mission societies have not made a penetration into

new fields for years.

The Church of Jesus Christ must be challenged to recognize and embrace, as her responsibility, that massive segment of the world's inhabitants who are non-Christian. Over 16,700 unreached groups already have been identified. These are people groups where less than 20 percent of the population is Christian.

Although Brethren Foreign Missions has a high percentage of her missionary personnel engaged in evangelism and church planting, we dare not relax our efforts. The eternal destiny of more than one-half of the human race depends on the success of the foreign missions program.

The Apostle Paul spoke of this when he wrote: "And how shall they hear without a

preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" (Rom. 10:14-15 NASB). Brethren Foreign Missions is ready to assume as much responsibility for world evangelization as the Grace Brethren Church, through her prayers, her gifts, and her personnel, permits.

Seven appointees left in August for language study; others are in the final stages of preparation for missionary careers. New fields have been selected, just waiting for qualified personnel to begin a ministry.

We may be entering a dangerous decade, but that is all the more reason for the Church to launch out into greater conquests for Jesus Christ.

Only He assures us, "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age."



Thank You,

It's always hard to say goodbye to friends. Just after national conference in August, Brethren Foreign Missions said goodbye to Rev. Raymond Thompson who had been administrative assistant in the home office for 13 years. During those years, he proved to be a staunch friend and capable colleague.

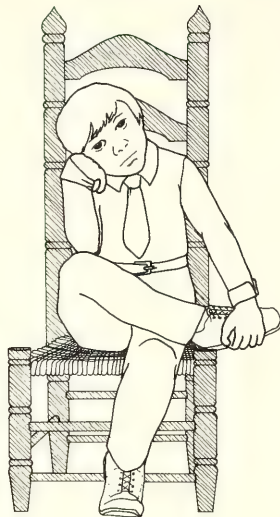
Among many varied duties, Mr. Thompson was perhaps best recognized for his work with candidates and prospective missionaries. He guided them through their many preparations as they progressed to become active missionaries. Mr. Thompson developed and directed the first two candidate schools conducted by FMS in 1978 and 1979. (Two members of the 1980 class of appointees are Ray's daughter and son-in-law, Susie and Dave Hobert.)

Bud, as he is known by his friends, is now moving on to a new challenge in the ministry. He has accepted a position with the Brethren Navajo Mission and has assumed his duties in Counselor, New Mexico, where he expects to work directly with Navajo pastors in training and extension seminary classes.

The Foreign Missions staff publicly acknowledges its thanks to Mr. Thompson for his years of faithful service and warm friendship. Candidates and missionaries from all our fields sense a deep gratitude for his ministry to and with them. We also assure him of our prayers and best wishes as he and his wife, Mary, enter this new and challenging ministry in missions for Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mr.
Thompson

Everything Got Quiet!



(or rather, everyone)

by Knute Larson

"Oh, boy," said Johnny.

Johnny was very excited. It was his first job. He had just arrived in the city where he would be a missionary.

"This is going to be so much fun," Johnny thought outloud. "I am so glad I didn't wait."

Some people had wanted Johnny to wait and get more education. But ever since he was just little—age three or four—Johnny had wanted to be a missionary. And waiting until he got the whole way through school seemed like soooo long!

"I know I can do it," Johnny told everyone who worried. His neighbor Susie agreed. "Johnny, I know you can do it, too," she said. Her words, so much like Johnny's, were just like a sign from God.

"Excuse me, please. . . ." A tall,

well-dressed businessman was looking down at Johnny curiously. "You aren't Johnny Smith, are you? I'm looking for our new missionary."

"I am Johnny Smith," said Johnny.

"You are? Yes, yes, you know who you are, of course."

"Are you from the mission church?" Johnny asked.

"I am. I would like to give you a ride to our board meeting," the man said. The tall stranger introduced himself as Erik Laventa, the vice chairman of the main policy board for the mission church. Johnny would be the chairman.

"How do you do, Mr. Valenti . . . Rick? Uh, what was your name? Are you a foreigner?" Johnny asked.

"Erik Laventa, Johnny, and I live here. You're the foreigner," the vice chairman said very dis-

tinctly. "Do you have any thoughts on the property purchase?"

Johnny was afraid that might be asked. He had not been able to understand the plans they had sent him.

"My belief is that there is not enough playground space," Johnny said. That much he could tell from the plans.

"But we really don't have extra space for playgrounds," Mr. Laventa noted.

"I want a playground and that's that!"

Everything got quiet, or rather, everyone.

When they got to the car, Mr. Laventa said, "We'll have to see how the rest of the people on the board feel about the extra playground."

Then he quickly changed the subject to introduce Johnny to Mr. Stephan Moore who was sitting in the car.

"I wanted to catch you before you got into some of the deep theological problems back at the mission station," Moore stated. "My wife and I just can't get our marriage to work, and I need help fast!"

"What do you mean?" Johnny asked, as Laventa started driving.

"I mean I'm ready to split the sheets, and I know it's wrong, and so does she, but it just can't work!"

"Is she a nice lady?" Johnny asked. "She's not a mean lady, is she?"

"How does that pertain?"

"Pertain? What does 'pertain' mean?" Johnny asked.

Everything got quiet, or rather, everyone.

When they got to the mission station, Mr. Moore walked away with a disgusted look on his face. Mr. Laventa helped carry Johnny's briefcase and suitcase into the missionary home. Johnny opened a file. The title on the front was "Decisions to be made."

"Excuse me for asking," Laventa said, "but how did you get to be a missionary so young? Are you sure you're ready for that kind of

decision management?"

"What do you mean by decision management?" Johnny asked.

"Oh, never mind. I'd rather tell you how I got here.

"Jesus is coming back soon. Do you believe that, Mr. Valenti?"

"Laventa, Johnny, and yes, I do believe that."

"Well, it seems silly to waste time in school when people are going to hell every day. And anyway, I don't think my fifth grade teacher even cares much about missions. School is OK, but these people don't care if I know junior-high science or not. They just need to learn about Jesus."

"Phone call for the missionary," a secretary interrupted. "Excuse me, Mr. Laventa, it's an urgent call. It's Mrs. Sketer, and I believe her husband is dying. Is the new missionary here?"

"Just press line two, Johnny," Mr. Laventa pointed.

"Hello. This is the mission director, Johnny Smith."

The lady on the line could barely talk. "I know you don't know us yet . . . but it's my husband . . . he's gone into a coma, and I just don't know what to do."

"What's a coma?" Johnny asked.

"Well, what I mean is . . . could you come over to the hospital right away, oh, please?"

Johnny leaned to Laventa, "What time does the board meeting start, and what's a coma? Do you know?" He noticed people were beginning to fill the room.

When he got back on the line, Johnny heard only zzzzzzzzz.

"She hung up!" he said. "Let's get this board meeting going."

Everything got quiet, or rather, everyone.

That first day wasn't nearly as hard as the second. Or the third.

"Oh, boy" was something Johnny said no more.

He wondered if he should have waited.

Everything got quiet.

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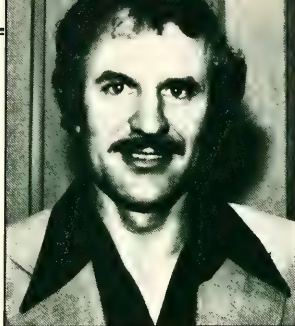
Top 30 Churches

in Per Capita Giving in 1979

(Based on 1979 membership records)

Brethren Foreign Missions would like to apologize for the error made in the per capita giving chart published in the May 1980 *Herald*. It included only the top 35 churches in overall giving. This revised list is based on all of the churches in our Fellowship.

1. Grace Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.	\$163.13
2. Community Navajo Grace Brethren Church, Counselor, N. Mex.	132.72
3. Udell Grace Brethren Church, Udell, Iowa	120.18
4. Grace Brethren Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.	94.19
5. Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa.	93.84
6. First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio	87.10
7. Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.	86.89
8. Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church, Arvada, Colo.	86.61
9. Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa.	83.80
10. West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio	81.63
11. Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind.	81.34
12. Grace Brethren Church, Parkersburg, W. Va.	80.13
13. First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	77.37
14. Grace Brethren Church, Yakima, Wash.	76.55
15. Bell Brethren Church, Bell, Calif.	74.42
16. Cherry Valley Grace Brethren Church, Beaumont, Calif.	73.37
17. LaLoma Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif.	70.01
18. Grace Brethren Church, Toppenish, Wash.	65.65
19. Grace Brethren Bible Church, Fort Myers, Fla.	63.78
20. Grace Brethren Church, Troutwood, Ohio	63.66
21. Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	63.05
22. Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind.	61.92
23. First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.	58.86
24. Grace Brethren Church, Troutdale, Oreg.	58.81
25. Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio	58.78
26. First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.	58.36
27. Grace Brethren Church of Norton, Norton, Ohio	56.97
28. Hope Grace Brethren Church, Dillsburg, Pa.	55.51
29. Grace Brethren Church of West Kittanning, Kittanning, Pa.	55.34
30. Grace Brethren Church, Maitland, Fla.	53.08



An Interview with Rev. Jacques Marcoux, a Canadian Pastor

Quebec, Canada Ripe for Harvest!

by Dr. Lester E. Pifer
Executive Secretary

Rev. Jacques Marcoux, a successful pastor in Sherbrooke, Canada, visited our churches at Island Pond and Irasburg, Vermont, while I was there over the fourth of July weekend. Many of his relatives have recently come to Christ and his two brothers and parents-in-law are very actively involved in our Island Pond church. His church is located in the French sector of Sherbrooke and all of his services are conducted in French. He is bilingual and I asked for a tape interview so that we might gain greater insights in what God is doing in Quebec and other areas of Canada. Being a conservative Bible-teaching pastor and a deeply spiritual man of God, it was a wonderful opportunity to hear him speak from his heart on the challenge of the Canadian mission field. He expressed to me personally his very deep appreciation for the work that is being done by

our two pastors, R. John Snow and Warren Tamkin, and also our roving missionary, Rev. James Hunt.

Pifer: Jacques, tell us a little bit about your background.

Marcoux: I was raised a Roman Catholic. I'm a French Canadian, living in Quebec, and I came to know the Lord in 1966 at the age of 25. I had never seen or read a Bible up to this time. I was a very faithful Roman Catholic, but when introduced to the Bible I discovered that what I had learned was not exactly true. It is very hard to get out of this Roman Catholic system without a struggle, if you are really hooked in it. So after struggling for many months, I came out of that system and I really came to know the Lord. I knew then that I had to give my life to Him to reach our people who were in darkness.

Pifer: Would starting a church in Canada be different than the U.S.A.?

Marcoux: When we talk about Quebec, I think most people in the

States think about Canada. Most Americans don't make any distinction between Quebec and Canada. But there is a difference. There are two different cultures in our country. Quebec is a French culture and the background is Roman Catholicism. We have seen an opening for the Gospel since 1960 with the coming of the quiet revolution in the province and also with the coming of the second vatican council in Rome which has opened the door to much more freedom within the Catholic Church. From 1960 there has been a new openness and a new ability to listen without too many prejudices. They are interested now to know what the Gospel has to say. This has given us the opportunity to preach the Gospel like never before.

Pifer: How strong is the evangelical church in Quebec?

Marcoux: You have to realize that if you go back 20 years in the province of Quebec you would not see many evangelical churches, maybe five or six very, very small congregations. I would say in the past 10 years we have seen a growing number of churches. We have many new congregations coming on every year.

Pifer: Do you think the "harvest is ripe"?

Marcoux: The doors are wide open. The field is really ready to reap. I think the greatest challenge we face among our French people in this decade of the eighties will be to find the men to preach the Gospel and pastor the churches. I think Quebec at this present time is very much like the time of Christ when He came and He looked and said

the harvest is ready to be harvested and pray the Father that He will send men into the harvest. Our people are at this point. Six million French Canadians live in this province. Just a handful of them really have thus far had a real opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Pifer: How do you explain your province being isolated from the Gospel?

Marcoux: This is almost unbelievable because you think of a province here, of a culture, of a people, who is next to the United States of America, the greatest and probably the longest Christianized people in the world. We are also next to English Canada which has been evangelized for a long time and surrounded at the east by New Brunswick and Nova Scotia which are English provinces where Protestantism has gone in. So we are out in the middle and in 1980 you have a people who have never received the Gospel, never heard it yet. It is almost unbelievable. I don't think any American can understand that. But it is a fact.

Pifer: Is the picture changing in Quebec?

Marcoux: When I came to the Lord we were just a handful of Christians. About 14 years ago, if you put all the Christians in Quebec together you probably would fill the auditorium of the Irasburg Grace Brethren Church. At the present time, I am pastoring a church in Sherbrooke and have been for 6 years. When I came to the Lord I felt the Lord would call me into the ministry and that's what He did. I went to Denver Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary for my theological training. When I came back in 1974, the church at that time had a membership of about 80 people. In the past 6 years we have

seen a tremendous growth in that church. We are now close to 250 members and last year we reached a Sunday school of nearly 400. We built a new auditorium 3 years ago with the capacity to seat 500 people, and we have filled it thus far a few times. It is our plan to enlarge it to 1,200. We will probably see this happen in the next decade. Sherbrooke is just one example and this is happening everywhere in the province. Quebec City has a population of about 350,000. There is only one real dynamic evangelical church in that big town. There are 2 other little evangelical churches which are struggling.

Pifer: Would you say the people are responding more favorably to the evangelical message?

Marcoux: A pastor came to Quebec City to start a church 3 years ago and after 3 years it is up to 150. These are all brand new converts; they are not imported Christians. This is tremendous when you think that in the province of Quebec you would knock on doors and have the doors shut on you everywhere. What we see today is so exciting that it is even scary because we wonder how we'll be able to face the challenge. There is so much to do. The harvest is ready. What will happen if in this generation we do not reach the people?

Pifer: Let me ask you another question at this point. These people that have come to know the Lord, are they persecuted in any way because of their faith?

Marcoux: At this present time there is no persecution at all. Ten years ago, 15 years ago, they were. Ten or 15 years ago when a person became a Christian he would be kicked out of his home. He would lose his family relationship. They would consider him a stranger.

You see my father-in-law, Mr. Trudeau, here today, but when I came to the Lord and would try to witness to him he would just hit the table, become very angry and would tell me not to come in his house to tell him anything. Claude, my brother, did the same thing. He did not come to my place for a year. He didn't even talk to me. The Lord performed a miracle in our home because this was one of the rare situations where the whole family came to the Lord one year after we did. Today there is no persecution. People can be converted, the Gospel can be preached. It is just like cutting butter, it's easy. Maybe it's too easy. It might be dangerous when it is too easy. But what we are seeing happening is wonderful. The Christians are really Christian.

Pifer: Now let me ask a little bit more about your church and its program. You say you have a Sunday school. Tell me about the program in the morning. How do you operate? Do you just have a Sunday school and then follow it by worship?

Marcoux: No. We only have a Sunday school in the morning. We have our worship service on Sunday evening. We have two separate programs on Sunday morning in order to save space, because otherwise we would have had to enlarge the building last fall. When we considered the cost of that we thought it would be better to split and have two services and two Sunday school programs with different classes beginning from the kindergarten to many groups among the adults. We have one service at 9:00 a.m. and one service at 10:45, and we have one full hour of Bible teaching on Sunday morning. On Sunday evening we have our worship service that lasts

about 2 hours, from 7 to 9, and there we have worship, songs, testimonies, and people sharing their own experiences of what the Lord has done in their lives. There is a good biblical sermon to exhort them in their Christian lives. We have the same amount of Christians in the morning that come at night. The auditorium is filled in the evening. I have seen in many churches in the States where at night there are a lot less people than in the morning.

Pifer: Do you do any personal evangelism? Does your church work out in a program of personal evangelism to reach people for Christ?

Marcoux: We have a different program of evangelism. We were on TV the last 2 years. We were on TV for 16 weeks a year where we preached the Gospel and we used it as a means for our people to reach the people around us. We would then visit the people and ask them if they saw the program. If not, we would advise them to watch it and tell us what they thought about it and try to have contacts like this. The main thrust of our evangelism is Christian to Christian in their neighborhoods and with people with whom they work. We have tried different programs of evangelism. Every Sunday night we see several new faces. We had a baptismal service 3 weeks ago and there were over 400 people in the congregation. Those people had been invited by our people, our Christians. So I do not think it very urgent to press on some special program of evangelism since the way we are doing it is working very well.

Pifer: When people confess Christ do you give an invitation for them to go forward at the end of your

message like we do here in the United States?

Marcoux: I do two kinds of evangelism. I do evangelism in the church when we have special services. Like when we have a baptismal service I will preach an evangelistic sermon. At the end I will give an invitation but I will not ask people to stand and go forward. The reason is that I have done that in the previous years and realized that I could move people with a number of people going forward and later realize they were not all real conversions. We have another form of evangelism that we call mass evangelism that we do two or three times a year. We rent a neutral hall in town, with a great publicity program, and get our people to invite all their friends. We have a special music program and I preach the Word. We fill the hall with 500 people almost every time. Once we filled one of the halls with about 800 people. We had an evangelistic meeting last spring in Montreal. We rented a hall of 900 seats but I never thought it would be filled. However, when I went to preach that night all the seats were filled. In this kind of evangelism I would give an invitation and ask people to stand in front and then we have our counselors take care of these people.

Pifer: Do you require the people that have been saved to be baptized before they join your church?

Marcoux: Oh, yes! As soon as the people are converted we get them in a special program of discipleship. Also, in our church we have a class for young Christians. All the young Christians have to go through that class that lasts 22 weeks. But as young Christians we will talk with them about baptism. If they want to be baptized, we will have a course on baptism that lasts 4

weeks teaching them exactly what baptism is and what baptism means. We have a baptismal service every 2 months and usually we have about 10 people each time. So we baptize about 50 people a year at this rate. When they are baptized, if they want to become a member of our church then they ask to become one. We give them a course on what the church is and what will be their responsibilities. Following this they go forward before the congregation and at a business meeting they will be accepted by the assembly.

Pifer: Do you think that the most successful way to build a church in Canada would be to use people from your country rather than outside missionaries coming in?

Marcoux: Again when you said the word Canada, I would say the word Quebec at this point. Because Canada for most people is English, Quebec is French. So when we talk about Quebec we are talking about French people. We are talking about a different culture. We have a history in which French and English were at war. We had been conquered. The French people were the first here in Canada. Then we were conquered by England and we became a conquered people. So from 1700 till now we have always felt as a French Canadian people that we were separate. When I was at school I was literally trained and taught that the English people were Protestant and Protestants were evil. It was a mortal sin to enter a Protestant church. The first time I entered a Protestant church was after I was saved. At the time I entered it I almost turned back at the door. I had so much prejudice and it was built within me that I felt I would die as I entered the door. So you see there's a culture struggle between two peoples, the



English and the French. The conflict is much, much less than it was 10 to 15 years ago. So this means that a French Canadian will probably be much more accepted than an English person. However, if an American or English person would come and he would have a heart for our people, they would accept him.

Pifer: One last thing. What about your reactions as to what is happening here in Vermont right now?

Marcoux: I think it is great. I would say that New England or the Vermont area is pretty much the same as what we have in Quebec. There were very few evangelical churches in these areas. Fourteen years ago when my wife and I came to the Lord we visited our relatives who were living in Island Pond and we brought them the Gospel. I have a brother who married my wife's sister living in Island Pond and they came to the Lord. We had a group of about 15 people saved in the space of a month. And there were no evangelical churches in Newport or Island Pond. There was one in Saint Johnsbury. We tried to help our people grow in a church of their own, but they had so many struggles. I see what is happening within 2 or 3 years in this area of Island Pond, Newport and Irasburg since Jim Hunt arrived. I see all this growth and all these people attending and it's wonderful, it's tremendous. I think that the Lord will be doing something great and wonderful and thrilling for these people in Vermont.



My Testimony



by Celia Mahan

All my life, or at least as far back as I can remember, I kept seeking for something, not knowing what. I was reared in a fairly religious Jewish home, and early in life was given violin lessons to compensate for things I could not do physically — being handicapped from polio at 17 months of age. While my home was Jewish, I was not given any other knowledge other than I was a Jew and that was it; so a deep void existed. My violin became my solace, companion, my friend, confidante, and only through music could I express my innermost feelings. Through my music I met my husband, a Gentile, who knew the teachings in the Bible but did not live by it.

Curiosity in searching led me to ask for a Bible when I learned I was pregnant. After receiving a Bible and beginning to read, I became quite confused as to its meaning and through a neighbor's interest in me, started to attend a neighborhood church. Monday night prayer meetings were held in different homes and I requested such a meeting to be held in our home on Monday, January 16, 1937. The group, including the minister were present and I listened intently, and what I heard that night was exactly what I wanted to know. It seemed so simple—to accept this Christ on faith alone, and that is what I did. Right then I invited Jesus Christ to come into my life, and only then I knew I had finally found what I had been searching for all my life.

A lovely daughter was born a few months later and she was raised in the church. She has never known anything other than the church; even though she knew of her Hebrew background, I did not want her to ever be ashamed of her heritage. Today, she is married to a gentile Christian, has two lovely children and my daughter has dedicated her life to full-time Hebrew-Christian work. God has given her a beautiful voice and she sings for Him

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What "Self Supporting"



Hello, my name is Ken Nash, and I'm an elder in charge of children's church and serving. Going self-supporting presents us with many opportunities. First, it's an opportunity to examine our reason for being the Lord's servants. Simply stated, our reason for being here is to make Jesus Christ known. That involves faith and works. As I understand it, we provide the faith and works, and God provides the substance. We trust Him and He provides our needs, whether it be money, equipment, people or whatever. Finally, as we trust God now for daily provision, we'll also have the opportunity to trust Him for daily vision. As societies everywhere change, we may have to use different methods to proclaim the same message. Therefore, we need to be alert to God's direction for our future by being in His Word.

Hi! My name is Bob McMaster. I'm an elder at Grace Brethren Bible Church, Omaha, Nebraska, and my responsibility is Sunday school. I have been involved with the church just over 10 years. For a church to have its beginning as a small Bible class indicates that growth is taking place. Lives are being affected. Needs are being met. Such is the Grace Brethren Bible Church.

It's exciting to review the past 12 years and see how God has worked. The lay leadership has generally been made up of rather quiet personalities as opposed to the outgoing natural leaders that one might tend to want in building a new work. However, these people have some uniquely strong qualities which have been an asset over the years. There is a real unity in spite of the fact that individual families are spread out all over Omaha and Council Bluffs and come from quite varied back-

grounds and churches. There is a loving and giving spirit to those who have spiritual, emotional and physical needs. People are liberal in their monetary giving to support several missionary efforts, many of whom have gone forth from our own church.

There is also a dedication and persistence to see the church overcome numerous obstacles, claim God's promises and continue to grow. Failing to grow usually means stagnation and poor health for a church. We believe that, while there are some benefits to being small, there is much more that can be accomplished through a larger body. And that's what our desire is—to be used of God to reach and minister to more and more people in a quality way.

While becoming self-supporting is a major milestone, it is only one small step in realizing what God can do if we trust Him for greater victories.

Means to Omaha Elders

My name is Larry Kirkpatrick and I'm financial secretary at Grace Brethren Bible Church. My family (including my wife, Marjorie, and four daughters—Sherrie, Lorrie, Jennie and Wendie) has attended since the church's beginning as a Bible class in 1967.

Going self-supporting I feel is a physical and financial indicator of underlying spiritual growth in the lives of our people over the years. Through the trials and disappointments, we were growing in God's time and God's way.

It's been encouraging to see new believers help share the load of a growing church. Their input into the lives of older believers and to the life of the

church has given renewed enthusiasm to "be about our Father's business."

God has had to impress upon us a number of times the futility of serving Him on our own strength. This lesson is an important one for us to keep in our minds as we are now taking the step of becoming a self-supporting Grace Brethren church.

Going self-supporting is just a step, though an important one, in our lives. This hasn't been our only goal, however, as new goals are taking shape, growing pains will continue as we are committed to these Christ-centered goals.



Hi! My name is Gary Miller, and I am the "coach" of the Grace Brethren "team" in Omaha. Since I received the assignment over three years ago, the owner of the team has made some changes. He has given us many new team members and the spirit of our team has greatly improved. The other team members have shown such loyalty and cooperation even if we may be in a hitting slump. The spirit of criticism is disappearing and the spirit of love is prevalent. Many people return to the game (of life) renewed and encouraged (born again) after spending time with the team. The whole team is eager to recruit. On many teams the coach is expected to do all the recruiting, but not on our team. This team has made coaching a joy. Oh, there have been discouragements, and losses, but it's all worth it when you think of being on a winning team, a team that wins games in 1980 and in the years to come. We are even confident about winning the big game someday in the future. The owner said we would.

A Viable Plan for Church Growth

by Dr. Robert W. Thompson

There is a wind of ecclesiastical activity blowing across our land that could well change the history of the Brethren Church. Starting as a simple little breeze, it has now developed into a significant force that needs to be considered by every church. It has been entitled simply "Church Growth"! Spawned in the anguish of anxiety over the lack of progress in the twentieth century church, it has now grown to a phenomenal movement. Hardly a week goes by without an announcement of a church growth seminar or conference being held somewhere. Its growing popularity provides an eager market for those looking for easy answers to growth problems.

One can hardly imagine that such a subject would be cause for controversy, but not all are in accord. No one would state publicly that they think the church ought not to grow, but the tenor of our dialogue and the reality of our statistical report are indisputable evidence of the real truth. An analysis of such a response among the Brethren would, indeed, prove to be an interesting study. Undoubtedly we would find insinuations of improprieties directed at the "bubble-gum" brand of Christianity espoused by certain churches whose promotional programs hinge on "green stamp" appeals. Others, I'm sure, would retaliate by suggesting that placing "winning the lost" as the primary purpose of the church reduces our ministry to a purely Armenian theology which exalts man and not God. Those committed to a "super-church" mentality look down their spiritual noses at others whose attendance charts reflect a diminutive stature, with those in smaller churches looking with suspicion on their larger counterparts as being the result of unspiritual practices.

The Brethren Home Missions Council believes that there is one way in which this entire discussion can be resolved and that is by an all-out, concerted effort to start new churches. This would certainly be a practical solution to the paralysis that grips our Fellowship. It is also a program to which all can give consent without question as to its validity. Other denomina-

tions that have renewed their commitment to church extension through church planting are seeing amazing results both within the existing churches as well as the number of new congregations being formed. One such denomination, after carefully analyzing its own history, was shocked to discover that in one state alone over a period of 20 years it had closed 16 churches and had started only 7. Their response to this indicting information was to carefully and prayerfully initiate a new program which resulted last year in the establishment of 20 new churches in 1 year. The point being, that one does not have to resign himself to what might appear to be the inevitable.

I will spare you, the reader, the sad truth about our own history, but will quickly direct your thoughts to the result of a similar study conducted by the Brethren Home Missions Council. In response to the facts revealed about our own lethargic efforts within the Brethren Church the "Bountiful Harvest" campaign was presented to the Fellowship at national conference in St. Petersburg, Florida, one year ago. Carefully prepared, and meticulously outlined, it provides a vehicle for the extension of the Brethren Church over the next five years. To review the plan, it was to see all forty-two existing home mission points fully self-supporting in the next five years. Proposed was a brand new congregation to replace each one that goes self-supporting. In addition the special "Bountiful Harvest" membership gifts were to be used to establish ten new churches above and beyond our regular efforts. To further promote and extend our ministry, it was suggested that we enter four new states as well as our neighboring country of Canada.

The anticipated number of members participating in the "Bountiful Harvest" campaign was less than expected, but our goals have not changed! In fact, our board of directors, at their annual meeting in Winona Lake in August, committed themselves again to continuing the program and in concrete evidence of their sincerity to a man, enrolled again in the

"Bountiful Harvest" campaign. Others, since, have indicated their desire to renew their commitment. Provisions to accommodate this growing interest is available in our office in Winona Lake, Indiana. Simply write to "Bountiful Harvest," P. O. Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

As in the case of the "loaves and fishes," God has enabled us to take what we have received to date and invest it for Him at great dividends. This year brings us to the 100 meter mark of our 500 meter church-planting marathon and we have some exciting achievements to report. Ten churches have declared themselves to be self-supporting, some of them ahead of schedule, and all at great personal sacrifice. To take their place 9 brand new churches have been added to the home missions roll. In keeping with our plans to invade Canada, Jim Hunt has been added to our staff as a church-planting specialist in the New England States. A special bit of encouragement has been given to him to establish a beachhead in that great country to the North. Likewise, specific pioneering starts have now been made in three new states, Delaware, North Carolina, and Nevada, with exploratory probes being made in several others.

Paramount to the realization of our goals, however, is the absolute conviction that God is able to bring it to pass. He does this through those who are willing and available! New churches are neither accidental nor incidental, but rather they are the natural culmination of carefully drawn plans and strategic moves. In reality, each new congregation actually starts with an awakening sense of responsibility to others. The spirit of independence is incongruous with church expansion. It is not the intent or purpose of the Brethren Home Missions Council to usurp the responsibilities of a local church, but rather to assist and support them in their efforts to extend their testimony beyond the perimeters of their own community. Money and men, of course, are of the essence, but without a plan our efforts will come to naught. The "Bountiful Harvest" is just such a viable plan and, implemented carefully, will produce its proposed results.

We sincerely believe that those goals which propose adding 52 new Brethren churches to our rolls by 1984 are realistic. They are, however, predicated on the participation of Brethren people throughout our land. There is still time for you to become a part of this exciting church-growth program. In the words of another, "Church growth is not just another evangelistic fad or passing fancy—it is, rather, an important conceptual framework for evangelism that will take us to the twenty-first century or until Jesus comes."

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throughout the country. In reminiscing, many trials were endured throughout my life because of my stand for my Lord. My family thoroughly rejected my friends, and even friends turned against me. I was shunned as though I had a plague, but I kept my commitment to Christ. Yes, I've failed God in many ways, but He has always forgiven me. I always knew that prayer was my means of communicating with God and asking for understanding of family and friends. Gradually, my relationship with my family has become tolerable and I am accepted again and even respected for my stand.

Many years elapsed and many trials came my way, not only physical. I had to undergo operation after operation, and in 1955 I came to California with my daughter. A few years later she married a fine Christian man and that same year I met and married my second husband (after the decease of my first husband) and we lived happily together for almost 20 years before the Lord took him home. Our life together was Christ-centered and we were happy. However, the Lord had other plans, and three and one-half years ago my husband had to leave home and enter a nursing facility as he was terminally ill and could not be taken care of at home. At that time I met Pastor Doyle Miller and family from Bet Emet. I had made inquiry as to where a Hebrew-Christian Bible study could be found, and was led to the Millers. How I praise the Lord for bringing these people into our lives. They visited my husband weekly during his remaining life and he also learned to love them very much. I began attending their weekly Bible study and have grown spiritually through their teaching, and I pray that I may become a small vessel in their work. Theirs is not a solitary walk, as their work is love for the Jewish people and I am so grateful to be included with their identity in their work.

Last September, 1979, my beloved Joe went to be with the Lord, and while he is now at rest and no longer suffering, I miss him greatly. Now I say, "Lord, if you are out there, catch me, as I feel I am jumping off!" I'm so terribly lonely and getting over my loss is greater than ever. However, I have my Comforter and now I'm trusting God not only for my life here, but also for life through all eternity.

The above is but a short condensed version of my Christian life and I covet your prayers that God will continue to use me, to touch my body physically, as well as help me overcome my grief so I can help others. Also, my prayers are that God will bless my wonderful friends and second family—the Millers.

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news report

From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and the Evangelical Press Association

□ Rev. A. Duane Jones of the Gold Rush Community Grace Brethren Church, Auburn, Calif., was a participant in the Evangelism Explosion III International Leadership Clinic, held May 9-14 at the Crystal Evangelical Free Church of Minneapolis, Minn. A total of 75 ministers, wives, and lay people from 15 various denominations attended the clinic, investigating this ministry of evangelism, discipleship and church nurture. Those attending came from 18 different states, Canada, Germany, Norway, and Taiwan.

□ Mr. and Mrs. James Long (Mr. Long is the designer of GBC Christian Education *Ac'cent.*) have announced the adoption of a new son, George Michael. George is a blue-eyed, blond-haired two year old.

□ On Sunday, June 15, R. John Snow, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Irasburg, Pa., entered the church building and realized that during the night it had been burglarized. A sound system, and other electronic equipment (including a tape recorder, radio, record player and calculator) were taken. The total loss came to about \$1,000.

□ Community Grace Brethren at 7260 South State Route 48, Union, Ohio, hosted "Round-Up at the CC Ranch" Bible school from Sunday, June 15, through Sunday, June 22. Averaging 520 in attendance each day, 176 decisions for Christ were made during this week.

□ The First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., recently extended a call to Jeff Ahlgrim to become their assistant pastor. Jeff has recently completed a course of study in cross-cultural ministries and was granted the master of arts degree in communications from Wheaton Graduate School. Jeff and his wife, the former Donna Heffelfinger, are both Grace College graduates. While in Fort Wayne, Jeff will work with the church's education and evangelism programs and Donna will continue her career as a registered nurse.

□ U. S. Army Chaplain John W. Schumacher is beginning a new assignment at Ford Ord, Calif., where he will serve as a Brigade Staff Chaplain. His last service was a two-year tour of duty in Korea, accompanied by his family. He says of his ministry in Korea: "This has been a precious experience for us. It is a unique and wonderful privilege to serve the international community. I have baptized nearly 30 people during my time here. I have had the joy of seeing many come to Christ as Saviour and others to accept Him as Lord of their lives. Our program has steadily grown and we've been able to see new avenues of ministry develop."

□ Dan Younger began ministering as the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Clearwater, Fla. in July. His address is 214 Timberlane Dr., Palm Harbor, Fla. 33563. (Tele. 813/937-5004).

□ Darrell Wenzek has taken on the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church, Tracy, Calif. Mr. Wenzek is a graduate of Western Baptist Seminary, Portland, Ore. He and his wife, Lois, have two children. Their present address is 236 W. Beverly Place, Tracy, Calif. 95376.



□ Rev. Stanley Nairn was ordained to the Christian ministry on March 2, 1980, at the Middlebranch (Ohio) Grace Brethren Church. Rev. Ronald Guiles, pastor of the Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church, Bethlehem, Pa., preached the ordination message and Brethren ministers from the Northeastern Ohio, North Atlantic, and California districts participated in the service. Special music was presented by Mr. David Guiles, the son of Rev. Ron Guiles and a Grace College student. The church provided a beautiful reception that followed the ordination service.

Stan Nairn has served in assistant pastorates in Grace Brethren churches in New Holland and Bethlehem, Pa., before assuming the pastorate at Middlebranch in January of 1979.

□ Going to Florida? A directory of our Florida Grace Brethren Churches is available from the Herald Co. at no charge. This directory features a map of each church's location, a picture of the church and the time of services. The address and phone number of the church and the pastor are also included. To obtain your free copy, write to the Herald Co., P.O. Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

□ Emlyn H. Jones, Lt. Col., U.S. Army, is completing his ministry at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York, where he has served for the past two years as Post and Staff Chaplain. He begins a new tour of duty in Germany in the month of August 1980. While in Germany he will have the privilege of fellowship with Captain John B. Patrick, also serving as a Brethren chaplain in the United States Army. Chaplain Patrick is accompanied by his wife, Georgia, and their four daughters.

deaths

Death notices must be submitted in writing by the pastor. :

BURKE, Wenzel, July 4, Ellet Grace Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio. Gerald Teeter, pastor. Mr. Burke was the stepfather of Nancy Peugh, missionary to Germany.

CHRISTESON, Harris, May 17, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

COY, Alma, 70, June 29, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa. John Gregory, pastor.

ELY, Robert, May 13, Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa. Harry Nonnemacher, pastor.

FISH, Mary Lois, 65, June 22. Mrs. Fish was the wife of the late Lloyd Fish, and was national WMC literature secretary. She was a member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. Dr. Norman Uphouse and Charles Ashman officiated.

HARRIS, Clara, 93, Fremont Ave. Brethren Church, South Pasadena, Calif. John Sturley, pastor.

KELLY, Mrs. Forest, June 12, Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. H. Don Rough, pastor.

KUHN, Victor, April 22, Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. Larry Edwards, pastor.

MacDONALD, A. Maude, 85, March 2, a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va. W. Carl Miller, pastor.

MOORE, Pamela, 28, June 5, Grace Brethren Church, Camden, Ohio. William Schaffer, pastor.

MYERS, Stanley E., 48, July 18, professor of business at Grace College and a member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church. Charles Ashman, pastor.

POLLARD, Ruth, 46, June 29, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa. John Gregory, pastor.

RICHMOND, Zervel Marie, May 26, Grace Brethren Church, Washington, Pa. Harry Nonnemacher, pastor.



□ Rev. and Mrs. Foster Tresise were first commissioned to be missionaries to the Hawaiian island of Oahu approximately 27 years ago. Since the Tresises have been at Oahu two more new churches have become a part of the Brethren testimony in Hawaii—the Waimalu Grace Brethren Church (Aiea), James Kennedy, pastor; and the Rainbow Grace Brethren Church (Ewa Beach), Kip Coffman, pastor.

This year the Waimalu Grace Brethren Church held their first Missionary Banquet in honor of four of their young people who have been called to serve as missionaries. Miss Becky Wagner, one of the young people, left on July 14 to go to Africa for one year with the TIME program. David Heard is training in a Child Evangelism Fellowship endeavor on the island of Oahu. Miss Deanna Dennis is serving a term in Tokyo, Japan, with Far Eastern Gospel Crusade. Miss Margaret Dennis was part of this year's Operation Barnabas team to Pennsylvania and Virginia. (Seated and pictured left to right.)

The Hawaiian Brethren have also enjoyed their first conference as the Hawaii District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, which took place at the Waipo Grace Brethren Church on June 14.

meetings

Dr. Robert B. Collitt, stewardship counselor for the Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service, will be speaking at the following Grace Brethren churches:

Grace Brethren Church, Goshen, Ind.; Sept. 7-10; Kenneth Bickel, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Bowling Green, Ohio; Sept. 21-24; Ronald Boehm, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio; Sept. 28-Oct. 1; Leland Friesen, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Elyria, Ohio; Oct. 5-8; Roy Polman, pastor.

Ellet Grace Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio; Oct. 26-29; Gerald Teeter, pastor.

□ Cofounder of Tracy Community Christian School (Tracy, Calif.), Richard A. Brown, was recently honored as "alumnus of the year" by Stanislaus State College. Rev. Richard Cripe, now pastor of the Ripon Grace Brethren Church, was also cofounder of the school, and was then pastor of Tracy's Grace Brethren Church.

Brown was honored by the college because of his 15 years of teaching accomplishments at Brown Junior High School in Turlock, Calif.; his achievements in college as student body president and being honored with awards for service to the community; and in practicing his faith in God by serving the children of Tracy.

In 1958 Brown had a water skiing accident that damaged his spine and left him handicapped. Brown moves about in a wheelchair or uses special arm braces.

It's been only in the past two and a half years that Brown has felt he has been doing something the Lord has wanted him to do—running Tracy's two-room, Christian schoolhouse. The school now has an enrollment of 50, with grades one through eight.

□ The Listie Brethren Church reports that since the arrival of its new pastor in April, the congregation has witnessed the salvation of souls and 21 persons have been baptized. Pastor William Cochran has begun a new members class using the CE materials on "Basic Christian Beliefs and Practices."

□ On May 17, the Grace Brethren Church of Richmond, Va., received the 1979 Growth Award for the Southeast District of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. This award was given to the church which experienced the largest percentage increase in the Southeast District. The Grace Brethren Church of Richmond experienced an 86.3 percent composite growth increase over the past year. The church is pastored by Rev. Kurt A. Miller.

□ Louis Amundson is the new pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Goleta, Calif. His address is 5535 Huntington Dr., Santa Barbara, Calif. 93111.

marriages

Hearty congratulations to, and may God's blessings rest always upon, these new families who join the *Brethren Missionary Herald* readership. A six-month free subscription to the *Herald* is given to newlyweds whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Cathy Moyer and Sam Torres, Jan. 5, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Wendy Ditzler and Harvey Boltz, Feb. 9, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Cindy Johnson and Jon Simmons, Feb. 23, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Cyndi Derman and Larry Powell, March 15, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Joan Raber and William Hartman, March 28, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Elaine Galloway and Richard Hess, March 29, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Debbie Walter and Ron Ziegler, April 19, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Naomi Hayes and Leif Dahl, May 2, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Betty Oda and Charles Dietz, May 3, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Valerie Friend and David Carey, May 9, Ellet Grace Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Dawn Collins and Jack Irby, May 10, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Patty Weekley and Doug Hirtz, May 10, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Amy Miller and Jerry Stoltz, May 17, Grace Brethren Church, West Kittanning, Pa.

Jill Toberen and Brent Brinkerhoff, May 17, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Rose Highfill and Pete Stagnola, May 24, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Cherri Boomer and Charles Powers, May 30, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Patty Harrison and Tom Evans, May 31, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Libby Keller and John Lauster, May 31, Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

Elaine Pessel and Scott Rittle, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

□ GBC Christian Education is gearing high for the 1980-81 schedule of CE seminars. Six are set to include seven districts, with another tentative for spring.

September 15-16 Indiana District
Winona Lake, Ind., GBC

October 18 Mid-Atlantic District
Temple Hills, Md., GBC

October 20-21 Hagerstown, Md., Grace

October 22-23 Southeast District
Roanoke, Va., Washington Heights

October 25 West Penn, Allegheny
Martinsburg, Pa., GBC

January 24 Northeast Ohio, Northcentral
Ohio—Wooster, Ohio GBC

For more information contact GBC Christian Education, (219) 267-6622 or the host church.



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members.

We're in This Challenge with You

National Conference and CE Convention time is always a great time for us to see many of you supportive friends. Thank you for stopping by your new Christian Edquarters and for your encouraging "keep at it" words about our people and paper work.

We will.

These days of the 1980s are bringing the best opportunities I have ever seen for talking openly about the Gospel and standing clearly for the salt principles in the Bible. Many of the issues the government and people are into in their discussions and decisions are moral and therefore

spiritual issues. It is a time we must be heard and seen, or we will vanish from the sphere of influence.

It is also a time of frustrations, and overwhelming fears and international turbulence. A time when those who have secure anchors need to share their connections, live their convictions, and point to Christ.

Christian education is not an end in itself. It is the equipment room for getting in the shape of Christ to go out and do His work.

We will.

More about our conference award winners next issue,
along with presentation of the "Growth Church of the Year"

LESSONS FROM

by Knute Larson

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I got in on Clyde Beatty's big show the other evening. I went to a circus. I came back with my church theology as straight as ever, with some great lessons for every church.

May I take you to that evening with the trumpet and drums of a little band that carried you, under the big top, back to childhood, but also to some large lessons for the living church.

1. Organization

It was obvious that everybody who worked there knew what they were doing. One man who must have been the head usher helped us get into a shorter line for tickets, and he was very pleasant about it.

As we got toward the big top, a friendly man ripped our tickets in half and some others helped us go the right direction in the seating area. One circus girl was very pleasant as she showed us where our seats were.

Our ushers are like that, but I've been to a couple of churches where . . .

The organization was especially clear as the three-ring affair included so many different acts. After the lions and tigers were tamed again, the whole cage and all of the midget motels in which the lions live were taken out. Everybody was there at the exact moment. They knew when the lights were to be on and off, and the cage was down in just a few minutes.

It always takes us longer than that to get the folding chairs up after communion.

Then every time someone went up to swing a little or even when the grand affairs of 15 swinging girls and guys were doing trapeze things all

around the arena, the right one holding the rope and watching safety features was there. Never did the ringmaster, the "senior pastor," or whatever he was, have to ask if someone could come and hold the rope for one of the girls or guys on the trapeze.

I was impressed that everybody was at the right place at the right time. If I were choosing a circus home, this might be the one I would go for.

2. Versatility.

I was overwhelmed by the fact that many people did several different things. The girl who took our tickets and helped us to our reserved seats then sat down with four or five other guys and girls who had come in. They appeared to be college students or young singles taking a joy ride for the summer and living in the hot tents of the circus taking tickets.

But a few minutes later they disappeared. Ten minutes later there was the guy bouncing off an unusual plank helped by two other guys, doing somersaults and double somersaults as he bounced off their hand-held ledge. (Now I'm getting into the tricks, and I don't want to do that.)

The girls were soon up on elephants, sliding down trunks, and posing while sitting on the elephant's head with one hand up (apparently a charismatic bent).

They were versatile, for sure, and apparently they weren't saying, "We ride elephants or swing trapeze, and are not quite so tiny as to take

tickets!"

They were willing to be flexible and to serve in many different ways.

That too is great at church.

3. Ministry Spirit.

Now I know I couldn't read the hearts of all these performers, but it seemed like a big family.

People served each other. When the popcorn guy came walking by he saw three of the performers and he stuck out the box for them to take some. Someone with a coke walked by one of the elephant trainers and he handed his coke to the trainer to share.

Many of them helped with little sticks on the outside of the cage as the lion tamer, the center of the spotlight, got the glory and cracked the whip and told the lions what to do. They were there to help and, behind the scenes, do some poking.

This is not a parallel for ushers to poke the old lions who aren't listening in the church (perhaps that would help too). They used to do that when people fell asleep! But people do need nudging from each other!

Another lesson was that they had two "services" that day to accommodate the crowds.

4. It was interesting.

Now I know some churches that have used elephants to build their Sunday school, and I haven't made that shift in my allowance as yet; but the show, for sure, kept my attention. Now I heard of one church that was a "three-ring circus," someone said, without favor. Surely the Sunday school and the morning church and



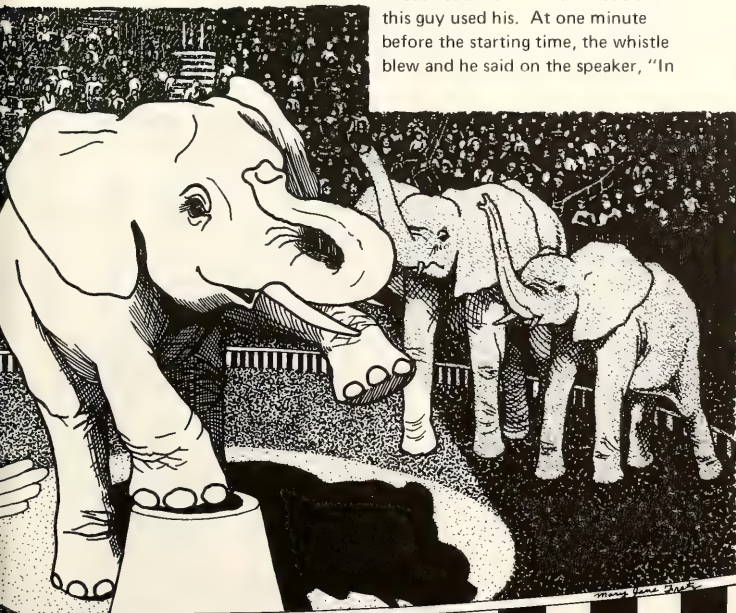
THE CIRCUS

the evening church, plus all the other important meetings, ought to be interesting. Apparently these people had practiced a bit! One man did the tight-rope from the ground up to the top of the tent. (Our sanctuary ceiling could lend itself to that, but my Sunday shoes are slippery.)

I sense the need in every church I visit, as well as our own, for teachers to really prepare their lessons and be ready with something interesting and exciting to keep attention. I fight for that and scratch for attentiveness in every sermon. The circus has advantages, but the church must keep at it and make it work, too.

5. Everyone had fun.

Now I'm not sure about a man down a row from me who seemed rather bored. He was unwilling to be a child again, I think. But otherwise there was applause and laughing and it was all in fairly good fun.



Somehow the parallel isn't exact—church isn't just for fun. Don't jump on this article with all fours. Nevertheless, church should be a good time. It should be a place of joy where people share laughs and tears, too. Our hearts were with that guy on the motorcycle who drove up the same cable he had walked up earlier. When it appeared that he was out of control (he was doing a little hot dog work), you could hear and feel the gasps around us. As if when one part of the body hurts, we all would hurt.

Church ought to be a place of joy, but it also should be one of mutual caring and sharing.

6. The ringmaster was in charge.

This guy had a whistle, and I saw him sitting on a chair outside the tent as we walked in. He looked unassuming, but I remembered from my last visit to a circus, at 10 or 12 years of age, that there was a man with a whistle. Every storybook about a circus has a man with a whistle and this guy used his. At one minute before the starting time, the whistle blew and he said on the speaker, "In

one minute we will begin." Sixty seconds it was.

His whistle called attention, but it also was a signal for the lights, the band, the servants, the stars, and everyone to do their thing. Nobody seemed to walk up and say, "You're not going to run my life." His coordination proved excellent, as things happened one right after the other and with obvious good timing.

I thought of Jesus Christ—Chief Ringmaster, whose whistle—the Word, ought to call us to immediate ministries and to coordinate.

In a very real sense, the local pastor serves as a ringmaster to help people know when to share their gifts and get involved in ministry. If the people in ring one would have been yelling and throwing things, they could have destroyed the act in ring two. But instead they called attention to each other and had practiced and their timing was good, and they all responded to the ringmaster's directions about who was next.

The circus, like the well-organized sports team or church, needs leadership.

Now there were some obvious differences. For sure the emphasis on excitement is not what I want to see in a church. They didn't take an offering either, they just grabbed the admittance fee at the beginning, and I would not want a church to do that. (Though I wish some people would give at least the circus admittance fee when they come to church, for it would cover our budget better.)

I'm sure there are problems behind the scenes in the circus.

But I did learn some lessons and get some good reminders about the church.

Thanks, Clyde Beatty. Bring 'em back alive.

That's my prayer for every church; bring it back alive, when it's been dead.

We tried something new this spring. We took 10 of our very best Timothy Team members, rolled them into a ministry team and put them on the road in the Rockies . . .

On the Road



. . . Timothy Teams is a traveling ministry open to college or seminary-age young people in BSLV.

There's nothing quite like being on the road. About the time you find the shirt you've been looking for in your suitcase, and just before you get used to the bed you've been in for two nights, it's time to pack up. And you've had a good time but not enough time. You've fallen in love with your host's children, Cameron and April. You've just begun to really know and share with Dan or Kim, youth in the church. They have poured out their hearts to you and even made decisions to serve the Lord better. The lady that you talked to on outreach said she wanted to come to church and really seemed interested, but you know you may never see her again because you are leaving. You set up the sound system and puppet stage in record time at the park program today, twelve minutes! You loved playing softball with the youth, but even more special was the time you spent just talking, one-to-one, with the girl who looked lonely. You found out she's moving soon and even though she doesn't have many friends here, she won't have any friends where she moves. So you were her friend . . . for fifteen minutes.

The time is just too short. You still mumble that one girl's name because you can't remember if it's Cheryl or Sherrie. You still don't know how to get to your host's home in the dark, you always turn one street too late. You've worked for four months, and hard, just to be with these people for four days . . . or less. You feel like any day now the Lord could really start to work in your ministry with these people. But it's time to go.

So you pray. You pray your heart out that God will work with what little time you had. When you leave, the people let you know that God got through to them. They hug, thank and compliment you. When you leave they stand and wave till you are out of sight, and you know what they mean. You can't understand how anything happened to people in four days . . . or less. Then you remember that the four months of hard work were also four months of prayer, and the reason people got lifted and strengthened was because God answered your prayers. God will keep answering your prayers . . . so you feel better in the morning even though you're a hundred miles away from there.

You've got to feel OK. You are heading for another town. You'll meet some new people, sing your solo a little differently, enjoy the potluck supper, and start all over. You know that in four days . . . or less, you'll be leaving. So you work harder than ever and keep praying.

It's not unusual that the team gets closer each day. You spend almost every minute together. You can't even get alone in the bathroom; seven girls at one sink washing their hair. But you love them, every one. You have all worked together, sang together, prayed together, and traveled across the country together. They pitched in and helped you pack when you got up late and everyone was waiting. They remembered your birthday and even bought you a cake to surprise you. They let you sit where you wanted on the van so you could sleep. They aren't your friends, they are your family. You are going to have great memories of private jokes and sayings that only the family understands; staying up till two one morning; mistakes during programs and little habits of family members. Just being with this family has helped you grow in your faith. Talking and praying with your friends and seeing their example, somehow you know you'll just never be the same.

You've learned a lot. You've learned how to love people. You didn't think God could use you, but He did. You thought people might like the songs but they liked you, too. You learned how to listen, and care like never before. The love you experienced went two ways, from you and to you. The people you were ministering to . . . ministered to you. You've learned how to work hard with a team and concentrate and compromise. Most of all you've learned more faith. God has answered your hours of prayer and you trust more. Trust that helps when you get home. You are glad you were on the road.

PSA INSIGHT

JULY 1980

DIV. CHURCH AND PASTOR

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A	Modesto, Calif. Big Valley David Seifert
B	Warsaw, Ind. David Plaster
C	Mansfield, Ohio, Grace Sonny Thayer
D	Mansfield, Ohio, Woodville Duke Wallace
E	Norwalk, Calif. Nickolas Kurtanek
F	Ashland, Ohio, Southview Donald Farnor
G	Kent, Wash. David Marksbury
H	Cypress, Calif. Steve Bradley
I	Altoona, Pa., Grace James Barnes
J	Grass Valley, Calif. Arthur Carey
N	No one qualified

North English Church



The Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, North English, Iowa.

Celebrates 100th Anniversary



Left to right: The parents of Estella Myers—Rev. and Mrs. John Myers, and Marie Stoner. The photo was taken in 1915.

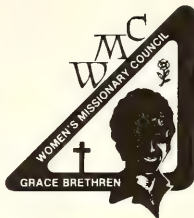
The Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church, North English, Iowa, celebrated their 100th anniversary on Sunday, August 3. It is the oldest Grace Brethren Church in Iowa, having been organized in 1880 with 16 charter members.

The Pleasant Grove church was the home church of pioneer missionary Estella Myers, who served in what was then French Equatorial Africa, and is now called the Central African Republic. It is also the home church of Rev. Don Miller, who, with his wife, Lois, are presently missionaries in the C.A.R.; and Rev. J. Paul Miller, Modesto, Calif., Brethren minister.

For many years after its founding, the church met in homes and schools. The original building, erected in 1907, was destroyed by fire in 1912. The present building was erected in 1914, and has been in use since that time.

The first pastor of the church, John A. Myers, served for 38 years. Former pastors who are still active in the ministry include Raymond Kettell, Victor Rogers, Clarence Lackey, Edward Clark, Robert Whited, George Wallace, David Thompson, and Keith Zook. Vernon Schrock has been interim pastor on several occasions. Since 1975, Arthur McCrum has been the congregation's pastor.

Several former pastors, along with a number of former members, were able to be present for the special anniversary service.



Women Manifesting Christ

Missionary Birthdays

NOVEMBER

(If no address is listed, the address will be found in the July/August issue of Foreign Missions ECHOES.)

AFRICA

Mrs. Jean Austin	Nov. 8
Rev. Donald Miller	Nov. 13
Mrs. Nelly Kammler	Nov. 16
Mr. Howard Immel	Nov. 30

ARGENTINA

Jeffrey Robinson	Nov. 5, 1970
Rev. Peter Peer	Nov. 29

BRAZIL

Rev. Edward Miller	Nov. 11
Mrs. Cleo Johnson	Nov. 20

FRANCE

Marc DeArmey	Nov. 8, 1973
Rev. Elliott (Tex) Hudson	Nov. 14
Luc DeArmey	Nov. 17, 1974
Elisabeth Gegner	Nov. 28, 1964

MEXICO

Rev. Philip Guerena	Nov. 29
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PUERTO RICO

Peter Schrock	Nov. 6, 1974
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GERMANY

Thomas Pappas	Nov. 14, 1979
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IN THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. Freda Kliever	Nov. 12
Rev. Hill Maconaghy	Nov. 25

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Offering Opportunity

Our goal this year for the Home Missions offering is \$8500.00. This money will be spent to support a teacher in beginning a Navajo High School. The Navajo High School will enable more Navajo youngsters to continue a Christ-centered education at the mission station and will also educate children of staff members located at the mission keeping families together instead of sending students to other Christian schools across the country.

**"For the Lord
grants wisdom!
His every word
is a treasure of
knowledge and understanding."**

PROVERBS 2:6

Conference Pen Pointers

PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

1. **Read and study the Bible regularly.**
2. **Be a faithful prayer warrior.**
(See Pen Pointer, "Women Manifesting Christ")
3. **Active in evangelism.**
(See Pen Pointer, "Women Manifesting Christ")
4. Encourage increased interest in SMM or aid in the establishment of SMM in your local church.
5. **Give regularly to WMC**—time, talent, and money as the Lord leads and prospers.
(See Pen Pointer, "Working in My Church")
6. **Support regular family devotions.**
(See Pen Pointer, "What is WMC?")
Use of **Daily Devotions** is suggested.

COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

1. Observe a special time of **prayer on the fifteenth day** of each month. (See Pen Pointer, "How to" and "Through the Years")
2. **Emphasize prayer** for BSLV members, for district youth who made decisions for full time Christian service.
3. **Support district rallies and projects.**
4. Contribute to Major Offerings:
(Please send all money to the National WMC Financial Secretary Miss Joyce Ashman, using the proper offering slip from the Treasurer's sheet in the Program Packet. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GRACE BRETHREN NATIONAL WMC**)
 - a. September, October, November
HOME MISSIONS Goal \$8500.00
Send before December 10.
Support starting of Navajo High School
 - b. December, January, February
GRACE SCHOOLS Goal \$8500.00
Send before March 10.
Refurbishing of Seminary lounge and additional student mail boxes
 - c. March, April, May
FOREIGN MISSIONS Goal \$10,000.00
Send before June 10.
New mission residence, support for African pastor's education, electronic memory bank typewriter
 - d. June, July, August
WMC OPERATION AND PUBLICATION EXPENSES
Goal \$8,000.00
Send before September 10.
 - e. **THANK OFFERING FOR GRACE BRETHREN JEWISH MISSIONS.**
Send anytime before June 10. (We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a year per member.)
 - f. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFERING:** SMM Girl-of-the-year Scholar-

ship and sponsorship of Director of SMM.
(We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a year per member.)

Send before April 30. Goal \$6,000.00

- g. **BIRTHDAY OFFERING** to be received during the year toward the support of the WMC BIRTHDAY MISSIONARIES honoring years of service. Send before June 10. (We suggest a minimum goal of \$1.50 a year per member.)
BIRTHDAY MISSIONARIES FOR 1980-1981:
 1. Mrs. Martin Garber (Beverly) — C.A.R.
 2. Mrs. Lynn Hoyt (Mary) — Argentina
 3. Miss Barbara Hulse — Brazil
 4. Mrs. Harold Mason (Margaret) — C.A.R.
 5. Mrs. Jean-Claude Vieuble (Martine) — C.A.R.
5. Encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590
 - a. **God! Who Else?** by Claire & Ruth Greiner (Family Christian Inspiration, Inc.) \$3.00 paperback
 - b. **Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman** by Anne Ortlund (Word Books) \$4.95 paperback
 - c. **The Journey** by Myrna Grant. This is a story of Rose Warner, missionary to Israel. (Tyndale) \$2.50 paperback
 6. Use **BRETHREN** talent when available and **Support BRETHREN Works**.
 7. Aid in the expenses, if possible, of local president or representative to attend each district meeting and national WMC conference.
 8. **Elect officers by June 1** to assume their duties in September. The national and district annual reports compiled by the retiring local president must be in the hands of the district president by June 20, 1981, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981. Seating of delegates at national conference is permissible only if annual report is returned.
 9. Keep **membership cards** current. (See Pen Pointers, "How To"). The membership chairman is responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council, and see that a new member receives and signs a membership card when she joins the local council. (These cards are available from the National Literature Secretary Mrs. Ralph (Betty) Hall.)
 10. Read and use the **Pen Pointers**. (These and other WMC LITERATURE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NATIONAL LITERATURE SECRETARY Mrs. Ralph (Betty) Hall).
See order blank enclosed in program packet. It is suggested when possible to send a freewill offering with your requests to help cover mailing costs.

Pen Pointers available are:

"Beyond Our Borders"
"Home Frontiers"
"How To in WMC"
"Pattern for WMC"
"Ways and Means"
"Women Manifesting Christ"
"Working In My Church"
"What is WMC?"
(This one comes in pocket size & notebook size)

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by Miriam Pacheco

National WMC

President

WMC President's Message

Part 1

It's my pleasure to welcome you to our forty-first annual conference. Our time together this week promises to be filled with wonderful fellowship and challenges from God's Word through His servants.

The year just past has been one in which the Lord helped our organization grow in number and maturity. New councils and new districts are giving more Grace Brethren women opportunities to learn, grow and serve. We've learned much about our mission fields and missionaries; how we can be a part of their ministries through faithful prayer and support.

Pastors' wives,
you are the key.
Your interest and support
is vital.

We've grown as we studied how God used His willing servants in many different ways; we can be used the very same as we allow Him to work through us.

We've continued to serve and even set new goals that others may be blessed and led to our lovely Lord.

It was my privilege in January to visit eight churches in Florida and meet with the women for information and sharing about WMC. We praise God for answered prayer that this district has reorganized.

Brethren Home Mission Workshops in California

and Ohio were also on the schedule for February and March. This was a very positive experience. There was much sharing and enthusiasm generated. It's been said over and over, but I'll say it again: "Pastors' wives, you are the key! You're not expected to be *the* leader, but your interest and support are vital." This is especially true in new churches. Meeting with the pastors' wives in the workshop sessions helped us get to know each other's problems and situations, and offered opportunities for working out solutions.

The Lord was gracious in the California trip schedule. The last day of workshop, we all were guests of the Southern California-Arizona District WMC at their rally. It was terrific fellowship!

Invitations to Grace Brethren seminary wives in this area to attend our national sessions and workshops have been sent with the prayer that this will

Correspondence is important.
Keep in touch with suggestions,
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help keep touch and encourage them during the transition from church member through training into leadership positions. Thanks to you who are here in response to that invitation.

Correspondence is a big part of the year's activities. It is so necessary to keep in touch. Thanks to you who wrote with suggestions, ideas, questions and words of encouragement. We want to know how you are doing and how we can help.

This past year included an experience that brought a mixture of sadness and joy. Sadness because of losing a member of the Body; joy because she was released from this life and is enjoying the presence of the Saviour. Mary Lois Fish was very dear to many of us. She was serving her third year as literature secretary when the Lord called her home in June. Her faithfulness to the Lord and His work will continually be an inspirational example and the love she showed for God's Word was evidenced in her concentrated study and applied principles. She was an "I'd love to" WMCer.

In a letter dated January 24, in the midst of months of suffering, she wrote, "In no way am I questioning the Lord's will or timing, and in no way do I feel resistant or rebellious to what the Lord has allowed." And it really showed! Her life and testimony to the very end were triumphant in the love of Jesus and submission to His plan for her. Following a

suggestion from Mary Lois' family, national WMC has chosen to send a memorial to Lakeland Child Evangelism Fellowship in her name.

Now we are faced with a new year—a brand new chart. As we begin our search through *Treasures in Wisdom*, we must have open hearts and minds to learn what God has prepared for us in His Word.

We thank the committee who has prepared an excellent course of study for our year ahead. Our study book will help us discover the gems of truth in Proverbs. Recorded interviews with those spiritual treasures claimed on our home and foreign fields will thrill

Make this year a search
for the treasures of wisdom:
honesty, knowledge, obedience,
friendliness and much more.

us. Attractive visuals will enhance the theme and there are many officer helps included in the packet for your convenience.

Our thanks to Brethren Foreign Missions for the supply of Missionary Birthday posters that are included this year.

Lovely sheet music included in the packet will go along with the new theme. It really is exciting to hear a group of WMC women sing. I encourage you to learn the new chorus and theme song and let them become a part of your personal song selections.

We thank the Brethren Missionary Herald for their cooperation in securing supplies of the recommended Reading Circle Books and making them available to us at a reduced cost. These books are chosen with you in mind—that your faith may be strengthened, your missionary vision challenged and your heart blessed through others' lives that have been changed by Christ. BMH also graciously supplied our yearbook covers again.

I challenge you to make this year one of Proverbs-saturation. There is so much to be learned and applied from this marvelous book. Our WMC studies can be the entry-way to lead to more personal study.

Reading through Proverbs every month is a way to dig for the gems. There are 31 chapters, so it fits each month pretty well. One chapter each day reveals practical insights to everyday situations—insights that you and I need to live effectively before people that are searching for answers to life.

Underlining the verses and thoughts appropriate for that day and marginal notes serve as reminders in later readings of how God's Word met a need before.

Different colored underlining brings attention to special subjects throughout the book.

Word study is a fascinating way to dissect Proverbs. Honesty, wisdom, knowledge, obedience and friendliness are just a few of the subjects that Proverbs deals with in depth. Use your word studies to help these characteristics become a part of your life.

We will be concentrating on wisdom. Let's be like Solomon. He could request anything of God; yet, he asked for wisdom. God granted that sincere request in His usual way—abundantly and overflowing! There was never before, or never has been since, one as wise as Solomon. God moved Solomon to share his wisdom with us in this practical book.

*He wrote them to teach his people how to live—
how to act in every circumstance, for he
wanted them to be understanding, just and fair
in everything they did (Prov. 1:2-3 LB).*

It's amazing to see how easily we can acquire this virtue that we need so much, yet have no trace of in ourselves.

*Can't you hear the voice of wisdom? She is
standing at the city gates and at every fork in
the road, and at the door of every house. Wis-
dom shouts in the streets for a hearing (Prov.
8:1-3, 1:20 LB).*

It doesn't sound to me like she's playing hard to get at all!

Wisdom, together with good judgment and common sense, begin with reverence and fear of God. As we make these characteristics a vital part of our lives they offer many benefits. We learn them by determination.

As we cling to wisdom we are protected.

Loving wisdom offers guardianship.

Exalt wisdom, she will exalt you.

Embracing wisdom leads to great honor and a crown of grace and splendor.

Eat wisdom's fruit and you've tasted the tree of life.

Listen to wisdom and obey her and you will have a long, good life in peace and safety.

What more do we need? Our great God has provided all we need! His provision is available to us for the taking. Let's take it! Let's use it every day! Let's allow it to control every thought, word and action.

This coming year is your opportunity in WMC to build each other up, to absorb that wisdom and let it be the sifter that separates natural-man reactions from Spirit-controlled ones.

According to a recent poll by a nationally recognized organization, 50 percent of Americans have had a born-again experience. Theoretically, your town of 12,000 people has 6,000 born again. Your city of 100,000 has 50,000 born again. Your place of work with 30 employees has 15 born again.

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My first reaction upon reading this poll was, "If it is true, there are a lot of born-again people who aren't living like it." I can think of some and so can you. Does America really have that many changed lives?

This year take the opportunity to change a life—yours— in accordance with true wisdom.

My next thought was, "What is my life telling others? I've claimed Jesus, now is my life showing the evidence of the Holy Spirit living in me?"

Here are a few reasons why the change doesn't show:

1. Rationalizing sin: So many take the detour away from a close walk with Christ by allowing a sin in their lives and finding justification for it.

2. Putting "me" first: It is a cancer for which there is only one cure—putting Christ first. Dawson McAllister writes:

A "me-ist" says, "I am the center of the universe. I don't need God telling me what to do. I can meet my own needs, take care of myself and enjoy all the pleasures that can be found in self. Absolutes are nonexistent. I will become my own value system. I will answer only to me." (Herald, 1980).

Of course we'd never verbalize those thoughts, but put a guard on your mind-set and life style; it will really show there.

3. Clinging to lopsided values: A lot of times the effect of this problem surfaces in the next generation—they learn it from us. For instance, what are we teaching our children, the youth of the church and even new Christians when we always have a reason to miss the power hour or the midweek prayer service? (You say it's not exciting? When Jesus prayed in the garden He didn't schedule any entertainment. He just wanted His friends to faithfully pray with Him.)

What are we teaching when we can't take anymore and really "let them have it," spouting off in anger and bitterness, showing the old nature? (You say, they deserved to be told off. Jesus didn't give a rebuttal speech, He endured and endured lovingly.)

What are we teaching when we manipulate people and circumstances for our own benefit, making sure everyone's life and everything turns out in the pattern we've designed? (You say, you've had the experience, if they'd only listen? God the Father is the master de-

signer, He *knows* what is best.)

What are we teaching when we ignore a clear-cut biblical command or principle? (You say, you really want this and you think the Lord will understand? Jesus asked the Father to remove the cross experience from His life. But He prayed, "Nevertheless, Thy will be done.")

What are we teaching when we refuse to be in submission to each other and wives to husbands in everything? (You say, you've got rights? Jesus gave up Heaven's glory to be born in sinful flesh.)

What are we teaching with our lives in dozens of everyday situations?

Older women teach the younger women.

Parents instruct your children.

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We need wisdom to discern the genuine from the phony; to grow and mature; to act and react in a God-like way; to develop a Christ-like life style.

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1. Honor those reading the entire Bible within a year.
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6. Send all district offerings for national Brethren works to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer Miss Joyce Ashman.
7. Contribute an annual freewill offering, to be used as the committee in charge sees the need, toward furnishing and repair of the **Brethren Foreign Missionary Residence** at Winona Lake, Indiana. (Send to the National WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer Miss Joyce Ashman).
8. Pay the district president's expenses to national conference.
9. Give financial assistance, so that the district SMM patroness may attend national conference, and/or the national seminar for district patronesses.
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News Notes

Dr. Wayne Knife, associate professor of Old Testament, and Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., president of Grace Schools, are planning to take a group of students to Greece, Jordan, Egypt, and Israel during the 1980-81 semester break next winter for study at the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem.

Tentative plans call for leaving from Chicago on December 26 and returning on January 26. The heart of the program involves 22 days in Israel, with lectures by experts in historical geography, and field trips that do far more than the average tourist visit. Four hours of academic credit are given. There may be room for a few pastors and other serious Bible students. Tentative cost will be around \$2,350 for this 31-day experience. For further details, contact Dr. Wayne Knife at the seminary.

Summer Missionaries

by Vance Christie

Nine Grace College students and two Grace Seminary students served as short-term missionaries during the 1980 summer months. They were under various mission boards on the continents of North America, South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

Beth A. Buhler, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Al Buhler, Warsaw, Indiana, ministered in Guayaquil, Ecuador, with the Gospel Missionary Union. She is a senior in the college and a music education major. Miss Buhler attends the Pleasant View Community Church, pastored by Rev. Ivan French.

Karen L. DeGraff served at the Italian Bible Institute in Rome, Italy. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon DeGraff, Warsaw, Indiana. Miss DeGraff is a May 1980 graduate of Grace with a major in business. She also attends the Pleasant View Community Church.

Deanna Dennis ministered in Yokohama, Japan, with the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade. The junior speech education major is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dennis, Aiea, Hawaii. Miss Dennis is a member of the Waimalu Grace Brethren Church, pastored by Rev. James Kennedy.

Two spring graduates of Grace, **Lisa L. Goodman** and **Beth A. Snoddy**, served at the European Bible Institute in Lamorlaye, France. Lisa, a sociology major, is the daughter of Mrs. Pat Phillips, Warsaw, Indiana. She is a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church of Warsaw, with David Plaster as its pastor. Beth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Snoddy, West Salem, Ohio. The accounting and business major attends the West Homer Brethren Church in Homerville, Ohio, which has as its pastor Rev. Robert Holmes.

Janet Mills, a junior majoring in elementary education, ministered with The Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) in Bendura, Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferris Mills, Plymouth, Michigan. Her home church is the Calvary Baptist Church of Canton, Michigan, pastored by Dr. G. Douglas Routledge.

Serving with the Association of Baptist for World Evangelism in the country of Brazil was **Kosette Moore**, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Keith Moore, Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania. Miss Moore attends her father's church, the Calvary Baptist Church in Meadville, Pennsylvania.

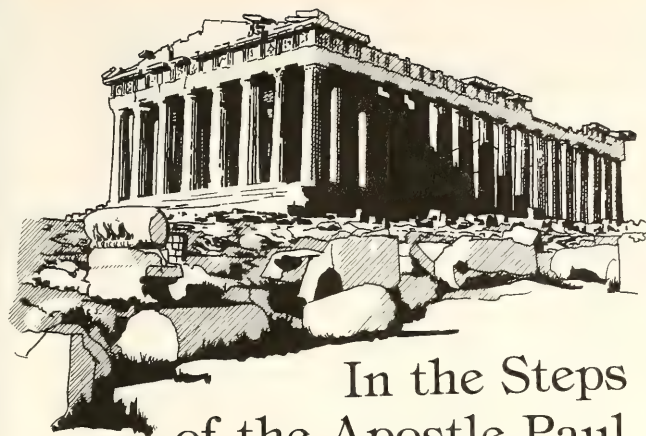
Two college students and two seminary students served under the Training In Missionary Endeavor (TIME) program of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches:

Joseph P. Lehmann, a Grace College senior majoring in English education, was in Stuttgart, West Germany. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lehmann, Worthington, Ohio, and attends the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus which is pastored by Rev. Jim Custer.

Tanya Waggoner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Waggoner, Fremont, Ohio, served in Guaynebo, Puerto Rico. The junior elementary education major attends the Grace Brethren Chapel in Fremont, Ohio, pastored by Rev. Timothy Waggoner.

Brenda C. Welling served in Mexico City, Mexico. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Welling, Goshen, Indiana, and a member of the Goshen Grace Brethren Church which has as its pastor Rev. Kenneth Bickel. Miss Welling is studying under the one-year Bible certificate program in the seminary.

Working with her in Mexico City were **Tom and Sue Sharp**. Tom, a senior in the seminary who is studying for the master of divinity degree, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Sharp, Bellville, Ohio. Tom and Sue make their home church in the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Bellville, Ohio.



In the Steps of the Apostle Paul

by D. Brent Sandy

Assistant Professor of Classical and Ancient Languages

Philippi, a night in jail . . . Thessalonica, a city in uproar . . . Berea, an eagerness for the Word . . . Athens, a speech to the world's most learned . . . Corinth, a trial that failed. . .

For 12 Grace College and Seminary students, my wife, Cheryl, and myself, these cities in Greece will live in our lives indefinitely. Our group of 14 flew from Chicago to Athens by way of Amsterdam for a 2-week tour of one of the beautiful countries anchored in the Mediterranean. Those students involved in the tour included: Steve Adriansen and Sue Hays of Worthington, Ohio; Gust Bass of Elkhart, Indiana; Dianna Compton of Bellefontaine, Ohio; Larry Ernest of Osceola, Indiana; Jim Folsom of Yakima, Washington; Penny Leckie of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Chet Nelson of Beaverton, Oregon; Jonathan Walter of Oxon Hill, Maryland; Tony Webb of West Alexandria, Ohio; Dorothy Wiggins of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Sue Ziegler of Bethel, Pennsylvania.

The primary purpose of the 1980 Grace School's tour to Greece was academic. A two-hour credit was given in one of several areas: New Testament Studies, History of Greece, Missions, and Art History. Thus, the trip included visits to each of the cities in Greece where the New Testament records that Paul ministered, visits to the most important classical sites and museums, and visits with the missionaries and believers of modern Greece. Brief lectures and assigned readings put in perspective the places visited.

It did not take long after arrival in Athens for our American cultural orthodoxies to be quashed. Students were confronted with vociferous discussions by the Greek people over mediocre matters, aggressive retail store owners and restaurant operators out for a passerby, rackets and ridiculous traffic routines—multi-pitched horns blowing incessantly in a city of four million (without a single freeway!), a thoroughgoing nightlife of walk-

ing, shopping and dining, and people who were outgoing, accommodating and affectionate. Clearly one of the priceless and timeless benefits of a trip like this is acquaintance with another culture and people.

After a full day of sightseeing in Athens, totally awed by the extensive remains of a gifted civilization, we took a day to visit several places in the southwest part of Greece, including: Epidaurus—the best preserved ancient theater in Greece, and Corinth—a carefully excavated city of temples, wells and roads.

Following a Sunday of worship and testimony in one of the evangelical churches in Athens, we embarked on a one-day cruise on the blue waters of the Mediterranean. Three picture-perfect islands were stopovers.

Relocation was the principal object of the next day: from the big city, somewhat westernized, to a small town, typically Greek; from our somewhat Spartan hotel in Athens, to a most comfortable and spacious orphanage in Macedonia (the northern part of Greece). After arrival at the orphanage our pace slowed down, while we visited the cities of Vergina, Berea, Pella, Thessalonica, Philippi and Kavala. Here we had opportunities to make friends with some of the Greek people, to observe more closely their customs, and to relax.

The attempt of this trip to provide cultural enlightenment and spiritual enrichment was unanimously successful and worth it all. Certainly the impressions made in the lives of the Grace students was profound. Attending a Christian liberal arts college like Grace or a biblically sound seminary like Grace provides many special privileges and opportunities. The trip to Greece was one of those extra-special features.

Harmony in Church Music

by Donald E. Ogden
Professor of Music

Why is there so much controversy over what music is right for church? It is surely true that almost everyone would object at some point to the use of some kind of existing music if he heard it in church. The confusing part is that we object to different things; what one desires, another detests. Here are some reasons for these differences:

1) **Conditioning**—No matter what we have been accustomed to, a stark contrast of any kind may jar us. Any new style may seem inappropriate because it is unfamiliar to us in this setting; the same thing may be perfectly acceptable to another because he has become accustomed to it.

2) **Associations**—Music is known by the company it keeps. To the extent that music makes one think of atmospheres and activities which are antithetical to spiritual exercises, or is clearly identified with recreational pursuits, to that extent the music is a hindrance to the purposes implied by sacred texts. Such music is likely to seem incongruous with religious contexts to those who have such associations. This is probably a major factor in much of the controversy over the assimilation of popular entertainment styles into sacred use.

3) **Function**—Many of our problems, however, stem from a lack of recognition of the varied functions we should engage in, the contrasting musical styles needed to aid these functions, and the appropriateness of different styles to different functions. A "meditation" would not be a good accompaniment for dancing a jig; nor would the music of a jig aid one's meditation. The devotional tone of "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" is quite in contrast to the majesty of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Both of these are far removed from the exuberance with which we testify: "Heaven came down, and glory filled my soul." The functions of worshipping, praising, meditating, exhorting, testifying, and praying call for music which is appropriate to each. Some people do not like worship music because they do not want to worship; some do not like gospel music because they are not inclined to testify or exhort; and some simply do not recognize how ill-suited the music of one may be to the other.

4) **Quality**—Often music which is poor is accepted, as some good music is often rejected, simply because we may lack the knowledge and skills necessary to assess

true worth. To make matters worse, we tend to reject the judgment even of authorities who differ with us.

5) **Preference**—Personal taste may be unrelated to knowledge and conditioning, though these may always play a serious role in preference. Whether one prefers green or blue for the living room; apple or cherry pie, with or without ice cream; heavy reed stops on the organ, or diapason only, with the congregational singing; a cappella or accompanied choir anthems; a good baritone or a good soprano soloist; a violin or a flute obligato—these are basically personal, subjective preferences.

If we are looking for solutions to the problem of our strong differences, recognition of the reasons is a good place to start. After that, we need to seek the mind of Christ in how we respect one another (see Phil. 2:2-5) and then consider:

- 1) our own flexibility with respect to innovation—newness is never a sufficient reason for rejection.
- 2) the offenses which may come to sensitive people to whom a musical style may call up a whole world of conflict. Never underestimate the power of the influence of music. The communication of moods and attitudes is as important as the communication of the text.
- 3) what musical styles suggest in physical and emotional responses. Consider what function the music should serve, and whether its style meets the demands of the text. While appropriate music should always be attractive, not all that is attractive is always appropriate.
- 4) our qualifications for evaluating worth—let the lesser informed be ready to hear the judgments of those who have the credentials for judging.
- 5) whether the spectrum of music is broad enough to serve the legitimately varied tastes of the congregation.

The essence of Christ's example to us is His denying of self-interest in respect for the needs of others (see Phil. 2). We also may find that the discords music is creating in church life may be resolved when we look to the needs of one another first, while applying our best knowledge and skills in discerning what will honor a holy God.



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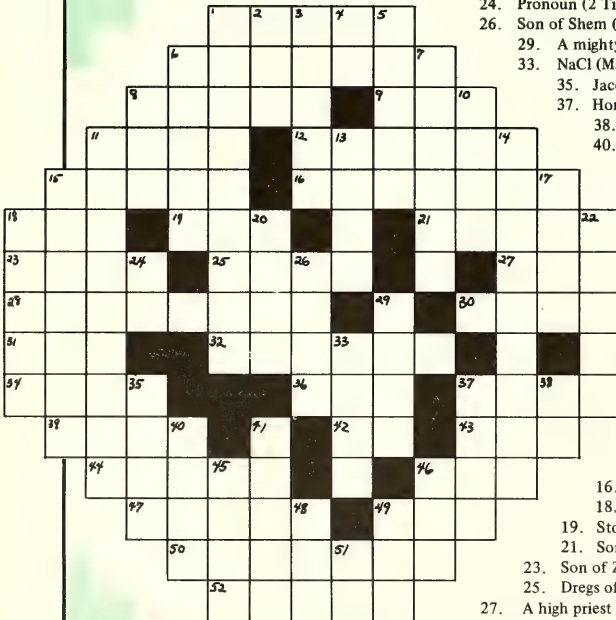
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8. Son of Zophah (1 Chron. 7:37)
10. Travel by Chariot (2 Kings 10:16)
11. A teacher of crafts (Gen. 4:22)
13. Places to sleep (Amos 6:4)
14. Paul's mission field (Acts 16:9)
15. Man of understanding (Ezra 8:16)
17. Valley (Gen. 14:17)
18. A harlot (Gen. 38:24)
20. Belief
22. King of Tyre (2 Sam. 5:11)
24. Pronoun (2 Tim. 2:12)
26. Son of Shem (Gen. 10:22)
29. A mighty man (2 Sam. 23:24)
33. NaCl (Matt. 5:13)
35. Jacob's wife (Gen. 29:25)
37. Home of wisemen (Matt. 2:1)
38. Advertisement (abbre.)
40. Highway (1 Sam. 27:10)
41. Place to eat
45. A wall
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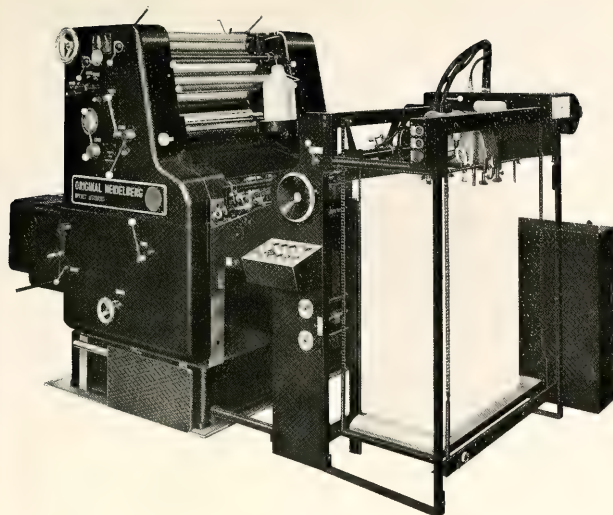
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11. Samuel's ancestor (1 Sam. 1:1)
12. Mountain near Israel (Num. 27:12)
15. Christ's betrayer (Matt. 10:4)
16. Ezra's supervisor (Ezra 3:9)
18. Where Jephthah fled (Judges 11:3)
19. Stomach (Deut. 18:3)
21. Son of Er (1 Chron. 4:21)
23. Son of Zibeaon (1 Chron. 1:40)
25. Dregs of wine (Isa. 25:6)
27. A high priest (1 Sam. 1:9)
28. Father of Jared (Luke 3:37)
30. Son of Berah (1 Chron. 8:15)
31. Part of a circle
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Winona Lake, Indiana, was the setting for the conference and the days were July 26 through August 1. A record number of delegates--782--were present for the business sessions and a large number of people from the Fellowship attended the meetings. Rev. Jesse Deloe was the moderator for this year's conference and delivered his address at the Sunday morning worship service. The new moderator will be Rev. Knute Larson, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. The conference will meet at Winona Lake again next year.

Special activities throughout the week kept everyone busy and happy. Luncheons sponsored by the Foreign Missionary Society and Home Missions were held, and breakfast sessions held and sponsored by the CE Board aided in the fellowship. Foreign Missions commissioned 7 new missionaries and Home Missions announced the goal of 50 new churches by 1983.

Grace Schools reported a growing enrollment and plans were made to move ahead to meet the needs of Christian education. Not to be forgotten were the meetings of our Women's Missionary Council, Grace Brethren Men, and the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Ministers.

Special attractions filled the week: the "meeting under the trees" marked the anniversary of the founding of Foreign Missions; an open house was held at the new Christian Education facilities; there were displays of old historical materials of the Brethren; "Walk Thru the New Testament," and pastors' workshops were featured by GBC Christian Education.

Forward steps were made to improve and give continuity to future conferences. A person recently said, "Half the blessing of being a Brethren is going to annual conference." Indeed this year it was true again. So begin making plans to be present for the 92nd conference, to be held July 25 through 31, 1981.

A "Sanctity of Life" educational meeting was held on the Thursday afternoon of conference week. Mrs. Miriam Pacheco was elected president of WMC and Mrs. Ella Lee Riser was elected first vice-president. Retired missionaries were much in evidence--some one counted 12 of them at this year's conference! National ministerium elected Bill Smith as president, and John Willett as vice-president.

Congratulations to Big Valley Grace Community Church of Modesto, Calif., in winning the Church of the Year award (third time in a row). Sunday School of the Year winner was Lititz, Pa. To Mrs. Ada Etling--Senior Medal of Ministry. The New Church of the Year award went to Irasburg, Vt.



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Reflections By Still Waters**ENDED**

Charles W. Tumer
Editor

There is nothing quite like fall in Indiana. The leaves turn into brilliant combinations of red, yellow, green and brown, and the cool autumn air is a pleasant refresher from the hot humid days of summer. Fall, and its beauty, is one of few reasons that makes living in Indiana have any degree of worth at all. But fall is a decoy. It is a means of making you whistle, to make you forget you will soon quit whistling and start shivering. The rustle of leaves under foot will soon turn to the cold, crisp crunch of snow on a frigid day. If you are not a skier, and I am not, there is very little practical use for snow. Since I gave up throwing snowballs for recreation sometime ago, snow has become a threat, not a treat.

With the ending of summer, the prophet of old brought a spiritual application. The time of hope was ending not only at the close of the growing season, but also presented the ominous sign that the time of spiritual opportunity was about to pass. Some, he said, were not yet saved and further implied that the time of hope was just about over. What a sad comment and observation he made. Now it was time for

judgment. A look back at what might have been is something everyone has done from time to time. Every parent has taken the time and effort to explain to his children about how it was when he or she was growing up. At times the imagination of the parent is often more vivid than reality. This truth is often sensed by the young offsprings' thoughts on the subject of the good old days.

I think my son is about average, or somewhere near there. But he proved to be an early skeptic about the "olden days." He heard the story of the mighty dedication and diligence of my sacrifice as a post-depression youngster. I told him of the five-cents-a-week allowances, and about some of my friends who did not get any. I have told him of the days when my toys were merely gifts sent from my favorite afternoon radio programs. Much to his surprise they did not have television back then.

I told him my mother saved every cereal box top that came into our house because sooner or later there would be a premium offer. Then we were ready to send a quarter and a box top to good old "Tom Mix" and his "Ralston Straight Shooters" and get the prize of the month. Oh, how simple life was in those days and how times have changed!

But the olden days are not what we make them out to be; not only to ourselves, but also to others. I think churches often live in the past and tell of the good old days when the attendance was high and the evening service was packed. They tell of the great spiritual victories, and I do imagine there were quite a few. It all sounds like there was never a problem and the unity was so great. It makes me wonder, as I look at the records, why did the pastors change churches so often and why were there not more missionaries than the small handful I read about? I rather think that the

imagination tends to forget the bad, seeking to cling to that which is good and hopeful, and the better days rather than the more difficult ones which we tend to forget.

Whether the good old days were really that good is not the meaningful question that confronts us all. The question is, what are we doing with our todays that are available and useful to us? The summer is moving on and fall is coming. For each there will be the ending of summer and the ending of opportunities, and then the judgment. What we have done with our lives will then be the point in question. Did we spend them for good, and for the aid and betterment of others spiritually, or were we at odds with our brothers? Was our reach long enough to touch the unsaved ones in our lives? Often I hear a Christian say they do not come in contact with people who are unsaved. Apparently total separation has come to them. How very sad!

The clouds that follow summer and bid the passing of fall are gathering on the horizon. They speak of the coming of winter and the passing of opportunity. The storm clouds of the Middle East mount and are turning blacker. The consistent march of godlessness increases its steps and forward movement. The loss of moral leadership in the world gains momentum and groups become more interested in themselves than in the good of all. The coming world clouds of trouble seem to be growing darker. The prophet's call of old should be heard and heeded because it may not be too much longer before the judgment.

Yes, your deeds of the good old days do count for something, but today is the day of opportunity. It, too, lasts for a while and is gone. The prophet's daily call seems to take on more meaning. It is today I have to serve. It is tomorrow I have to face. It is God who is my hope.

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35 Years Ago—1945

A total of 65 were enrolled in Grace Seminary for the fall term. . . . The Hagerstown, Md., Grace Brethren Church went self-supporting; Walter Lepp, pastor.

15 Years Ago—1965

The office staff of Foreign Missions announced a new assistant secretary, John W. Zielasko. He joined Russell D. Barnard, Clyde K. Landrum, Kenneth Moeller, Edward Bowman, Mrs. Roger Shaull, Mrs. Don Wardell, and Miss Linda Beach. The total budget announced for 1965 was \$401,095 for FMS.

5 Years Ago—1975

The 1975 TIME team to Argentina was Peter Peer (leader), Coleen Austin, Peggy Bechtel, Viki Cover, Michael Marshall, and Larry Robbins. . . . Brethren National Youth Conference had about 800 in attendance. The winning quiz team was West Penn District.

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letters

Dear Readers,

Snooks, the "Prolific Cat of Nanty-Glo, Pennsylvania," has become famous overnight. Letters from overseas and throughout the United States are coming in and we wish we could share them all with you, but other important items must be handled. The August issue of the *Herald* brought her to the attention of us all. From France came these thoughtful words: "According to statistics, Snooks can't possibly do it again." From Pennsylvania comes further word that Snooks *did* do it again! (Add five!)-CWT



"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Mal. 3:10)

The Blessings Poured On

by Ed Jackson, Pastor
Grace Brethren Church
Orlando, Florida

I find it most difficult to explain what has happened at the Grace Brethren Church of Orlando, other than to say God has chosen to bless here. The windows of heaven have opened up wide and poured out the blessing as it was promised in Malachi 3:10.

As the blessings have come, it has been such a joy to see people responding and ministering to one another.

I also observed that the truth of Malachi 3:16 has become very much of a reality here in Orlando. Orlando Brethren do fear the Lord, and often in sharing and praying together speak of His name one to another. As the verse says, "... the Lord hearkened, ..." unto them "... that thought upon his name."

What a precious family. The Lord's Day here is just that. We gather for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., with our worship service to follow at 10:30 a.m. At noon we all gather around the table for lunch together. There is plenty of food and we have never run out of food even with many visitors. After lunch it's fellowship for some, and for others it is a time for

music practice, and so forth.

At 1:30 p.m. it's back to the sanctuary for another time of worship, with singing and sharing with much praise to God. By 3:00 the service is through except for the youth who have many different activities—such as N.A.C., quizzing, puppets and social activities.

This structure for the Lord's Day was our response to the energy situation with 75 percent of our people living 15 to 25 miles from the church. Some even drive 30 miles one way to worship together.

How had the Lord blessed over this past year? Just any way you might want to look at it—numerically and spiritually. On May 27, 1979, 17 folks met for Sunday school, with 25 for morning worship. Much of the singing was done a cappella for there was no one to play either the piano or organ. One year later there were 82 people in Sunday school, and 124 in the morning service, and both the piano and organ were being used; not to mention 100 new hymnals in the pews. That same month the back mortgage was paid up and the church unanimously voted to go self-supporting on August 1, 1980.

The blessings have not stopped there. The Orlando congregation

knows the need to be missions minded. When an opportunity for an outreach ministry developed in Melbourne, Florida, some 65 miles away, they were anxious to do whatever they could to see the work progress—even to allowing their pastor to spend one night a week in a midweek Bible study with the idea of getting a GBC started as the Lord led. This new group started meeting in October of 1979 with an average of 15 in attendance. In December of 1979 when the Orlando congregation voted to have their "evening" worship service at 1:30 in the afternoon, it seemed very natural to have Pastor Jackson commute to Melbourne for the evening services. The men in the Melbourne church took over the midweek services with both midweek and Sunday evening services being held in the Glenn and Miriam Ernsberger home.

In preparation for going self-supporting the Orlando congregation asked the Florida Missions Board to discontinue their financial assistance to Orlando and asked that their funds be reallocated to the Melbourne congregation as a district missions point to assist in its pastor's salary.

At the same district conference



Above: Lakeland Grace Brethren Church, a Bible class of the Orlando GBC. Left: A Sunday school class at Orlando.

in April 1980 the Melbourne congregation was accepted into the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches in Florida.

Within a matter of weeks the Melbourne congregation extended a call to Pastor Earl Moore as their pastor. He accepted that call on faith that the Lord would provide a salary or a means of earning one. The Lord is faithful to provide as we stretch our faith, as the few folks in numbers at Melbourne were soon to see.

The blessings are not over yet. The Lord's blessings on the Orlando congregation were so great that God moved them into a self-supporting status on August 1, 1980. This was approximately eight months ahead of the Home Missions suggested schedule.

In voting to go self-supporting on August 1, the Orlando congregation requested that Brethren Home Missions' funds budgeted for Orlando be reallocated to Melbourne to supplement its pastor's salary. The Brethren Home Missions Council, being the visionaries that they are, exercised their faith and wisdom and not only followed our suggestion, but it also picked up the

two months of June and July not covered by the Orlando church. Praise the Lord for a mission board that can be flexible enough to see the Lord's leading even ahead of schedule! (The Melbourne church was not to be in the Home Missions budget until January of 1981.)

With Melbourne now well under way with a full-time pastor, some might be satisfied but the blessings kept coming. For now the Orlando congregation has again reached out—this time to Lakeland, Florida. Again two families have started a Bible study which now has developed into midweek services conducted by Jim Jackson of Orlando, and Sunday evening services conducted by Pastor Jackson. The Lakeland group of believers are already praying for a full-time pastor to come and shepherd the flock.

There is a direct correlation between the windows of heaven being opened and God's blessing being poured out, and a congregation who, even though they were yet a mission church, had the vision to reach out to see other branch churches started.

You who read this article can

have a part in these new points. They are very much in need of prayer. You will be blessed! It's for sure the Orlando Grace Brethren Church has no corner on the Lord's blessings, for there are plenty to go around. It's just a matter of getting involved. As is promised in Malachi 3:10 and 16.

It's no great secret, it's just being willing to try it.

The Melbourne Grace Brethren Church exists today because of three things:

1. There were some concerned Brethren (two families)—the Ernshergers and the Mansurs, who felt led of the Lord to get involved—(the word is committed) and were willing to trust for His leading.
2. God privileged others to get involved, such as the Orlando congregation.
3. God sent a pastor and wife, in the name of Earl and Linda Moore, who did not look at the impossible situation of few families and no promised salary, but saw the vision and had a burden for souls and believed in practicing the faith preached about.

Lakeland is following the same pattern.

1. There are two families, the Garbers and the Yothers, who are committed.
2. God has privileged the Orlando congregation to be involved.
3. We are praying for a pastor who will lead this flock.

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"But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57
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by Sam Baer, pastor
Dryhill, Kentucky

TEN THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPENED TO US BEFORE

Yes, Victory is in Jesus and we really thank the Lord for the ten victories He has given us! We sing two theme songs here at Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel, Dryhill, Kentucky – Victory in Jesus and Nothing Is Impossible When You Put Your Trust in God. We have two banners up in our auditorium that keep us believing these themes when our faith is weak. The one at the front says: "Is Anything Too Hard for the Lord?" Genesis 18:14. The answer to that one is at the back and it says: "There Is Nothing Too Hard for God!" Jeremiah 32:17.

Here are ten victories that God has given us that we never experienced before:

1. From January to March our growing congregation gave more towards its pastor's salary than Home Missions did.
2. In June, the last month for the Sunday school contest, we strived to average 70 for the month, but we only averaged 69. (Later we found out that there were four people who were dressed and ready to come, but we were not notified to pick them up, so they couldn't come.) We wanted to finish like a champion in June so I told our people, "In a Marathon race (52 weeks long) it's not all that important how you start out, but it is important that you keep up with the pack. One thing for sure, the winner is always determined at the finish line, so let's finish stronger than we ever have!" Praise God, we did! We knew that it was going to be a very close race. Orlando, Florida; and Altoona, Pennsylvania, were both really having terrific increases from January to June, but we kept plugging too. To make the long story short, we came in first place in Division "J" with an 80 percent increase over last year! Our people were stunned! We had never won anything before. Until October of 1979, they never knew what a



banner was and now we had won the first place plaque. We averaged 54 for the year in Sunday school and that brought us to another victory.

3. We were promoted to Division "I." All these past years our Sunday school had always been in Division "J."
4. From April to June our people gave \$2,100 toward the pastor's salary and all last year they gave a total of \$2,700. Finances have been tight since our step to self-support, but then we must really depend on the

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Samuel Baer, Pastor

- Lord and not the checkbook to get us through.
5. We held our first Vacation Bible School where the majority of the workers were our own people. We averaged 50 for the week and had 21 first-time decisions for the Lord. This brought our yearly total up to 54, just two over our goal of 52 (one per week).
 6. After national conference some more exciting things happened. The Sunday I returned home our offering need was \$576. That was the highest it had ever been. I was scared to put that figure in the bulletin. Well, the following week, checks from friends and some people we didn't even know and from some churches came in in the amounts of: \$20, \$63.75, \$150, \$66, and \$130.42. All of these were used of God to bring us out of the hole and at the writing of this article (Aug. 12), we had a beautiful \$2.65 in our checking account. God is still supplying and we believe He will continue to do so.
 7. Probably the most exciting thing that has happened was our business meeting on Sunday evening, August 10. We set our yearly goals and here they are: 1) To average 80 in Sunday school. We noticed that we averaged, for the year, the number of people who were saved (54), so we thought if we wanted to average 80 2) We have to see 80 people saved. 3) We want to see 40 of those saved baptized, and 4) we recommitted ourselves and are still trusting God to take us self-supporting September 28, 1980—our thirtieth anniversary.
 8. We decided that it was appropriate to have a "Victory Celebration Banquet" for coming in first place in our division and for having the highest percentage increase in Sunday school of all Grace Brethren churches. We are having a special speaker and two reporters from the local newspapers in town. Our people are excited, pleased and very happy that God has brought us this far, and we are believing He will take us the rest of the way.
 9. We are very grateful that in July we averaged 72 for the month, so this was the first time ever that we jumped into the 70 bracket and we are so thankful for this. It shows us that we continue to grow.
 10. We have been having these victories because Brethren people and churches are praying much for us and show their love to us in many different ways. Without their prayers, we certainly would not be on the victory side. Please keep praying and double your prayers; the hardest days are still ahead for us!



Twelve BHMC Pastors

Receive Top Honors

Twelve Brethren Home Missions pastors received national achievement recognition at the 1980 FGBC national conference. Honored for outstanding pastoral leadership in 1979 were: Howard Gelsinger, Pine Grove, Pennsylvania; Gary Miller, Omaha, Nebraska; Gary Nolan, Alta Loma, California; Robert Markley, Coolville, Ohio; Gary Cole, Ormond Beach, Florida; Bill Smith, North Kokomo, Indiana; Sheldon Perrine, Hemet, California; Sam Baer, Dryhill, Kentucky; John Snow, Irasburg, Vermont; Tom Inman, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Ed Jackson, Orlando, Florida; and Kurt Miller, Richmond, Virginia.

Continuing in an aggressive desire to plant churches at maximum efficiency, the Brethren Home Missions Council's new Pastoral Achievement Program has become an effective tool for evaluating church growth. "Our overall corporate objective," says Larry Chamberlain, BHMC administrative coordinator and author of the achievement program, "is to plant and develop as many churches as possible within the limits of our income. We know that to accomplish our objective we must formulate a strategy of intermediate goals and objectives which will guide us to developing self-supporting churches in five years or less. The new Pastoral Achievement Program allows our Home Missions representatives to work closely with pastors and their congregations in setting realistic and, yet, aggressive goals which will help these churches progress to a self-supporting status."

The framework for the Council's achievement program was developed in the fall of 1978. Through several months of refinement, an evaluating scale has been developed whereby Home Missions churches are

rated quantitatively (based on a.m. attendance, membership, and financial growth) and qualitatively (analyzing the church's evangelistic effectiveness, lay leadership development, organizational effectiveness, maintenance of facilities, cooperative spirit, problem-solving abilities, and giving patterns). By awarding point values to each category of achievement, top achieving Brethren Home Missions pastors earn national recognition and also receive a financial bonus. Eighteen Home Missions pastors excelled in their ministry during 1979 and were awarded financial bonuses ranging from \$100 to \$500.

"What's unique about this program is that every goal is tailor-made according to the potential of the ministry area and the pastor's abilities," states Larry Chamberlain. "This achievement program is a growing experience for us. There are some bugs to be worked out but, as we fine tune this goal-oriented program, we will gain new insights into how we might more effectively plant 52 new Grace Brethren churches by 1984."

After completing the first year of the Pastoral Achievement Program, the Brethren Home Missions administrative staff rejoices in the results of this new endeavor. Twenty-nine out of 32 qualifying Home Missions churches reached at least one level of quantitative objectives. This type of measured growth is helping the Council to exceed their Bountiful Harvest goals. Only 36 future Grace Brethren churches are needed to accomplish "A Bountiful Harvest"—52 new GBCs by 1984! Pray for the development of these future points and for the accelerated growth of our existing churches.



Some thank yous we have received ...

What a pleasant surprise to receive your letter yesterday with the generous bonus check from Home Missions! I raise the Lord for the continued interest and encouragement of us pastors from the Brethren Home Missions Council.

R. John Snow
Grace Brethren Church
Irasburg, Vermont

Thanks so very much for the bonus! What a delight and surprise, and what an answer to prayer. I've been behind on my income tax and that will help out tremendously.

Sam Baer
Victory Mountain Grace
Brethren Chapel
Dryhill, Kentucky

How can I possibly say an adequate "thank-you" for your most welcome and liberal gift to me as a result of the Pastor Incentive Program? The answer? I can't. But do accept my deep appreciation. One third of it is going back into the Lord's work as we, on Easter Sunday, pray and give that the Lord will enable us to bring our current expense fund into the black. We had all covenanted to pray for special income that would enable us to give more that day! Mine was your bonus since I did not know that any money was involved in the incentive program. God did bless abundantly here last year and is doing so again this year.

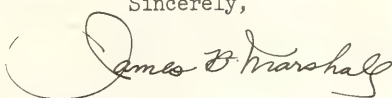
Tom Inman
Grace Brethren Church
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Let me express my appreciation for the bonus check. I had forgotten about that incentive program completely. In the timing of our Lord, that check met a real need. Last year was one of the costliest years of my life with two hospital bills to pay and the acquiring of a hearing-aid. Now I am square with them all.

Robert Markley
Grace Brethren Church
Coolville, Ohio

In 1955, at the Portland, Oregon Conference, a plan was suggested concerning the establishing of a fund to be used for the building of churches across the nation which would expand the testimony of the Grace Brethren Fellowship. I was impressed by this plan and immediately invested in it. Over the years my wife, children and I have continued to invest in the BIF and have found great satisfaction in knowing that God has been blessing the organization and enabling it to help buildings to be erected in many areas. Through the years we have found God has blessed our investment and provided all our needs and beyond. We believe that the greatest interest rates we could receive are found in the lives of people who have been touched through the ministry of the Brethren Church. Praise the Lord for the BIF and those who have invested in it. I heartily recommend it to anyone who is looking for an outlet for his stewardship.

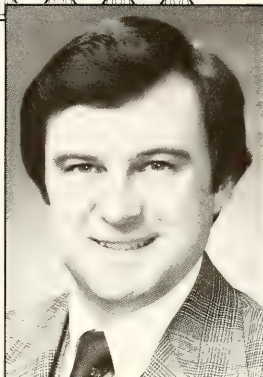
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James B. Marshall

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Larry Chamberlain Named Administrative Coordinator

Larry N. Chamberlain has been advanced to the position of administrative coordinator of the Brethren Home Missions Council, reports Dr. Lester E. Pifer, BHMC executive secretary.

Effective September 1, 1980, Mr. Chamberlain's new responsibilities will include personnel communications within the Home Missions corporation, office correspondence, company benefits, and administration of the Council's several departments and staff. In addition to these new areas of involvement, Larry Chamberlain will continue to wear the hats of accountant and business manager.

Larry Chamberlain is a 1969 graduate of Bob Jones University with a bachelor of arts degree in Bible, and received a masters in business administration from Indiana University in May 1980. As a

member of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Indiana, Larry serves as treasurer and chairman of the business commission on the board of overseers. He is also national treasurer for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.

The Larry Chamberlain family, Sherlene, Traci and Travis, moved to Winona Lake, Indiana, in July of 1977, to begin his employment with Brethren Home Missions as accountant. After two and a half years in the Winona Lake office, Larry was promoted to accountant/business manager in January of 1980. Larry takes on the title of coordinator, having successfully fulfilled the responsibilities of the previous three years.

Larry Chamberlain will work closely with Mr. Frank J. Poland, who has faithfully served the Council for 31 years. Frank Poland will assume full retirement January 1, 1981.

Roving Church Planter Joins Home Missions Team

Recognizing the value of a full-time roving church-planting ministry, the Brethren Home Missions Council has added Rev. Jim Hunt to its church-planting team. Rev. James F. Hunt, a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Irasburg, Vermont, will devote his time to establishing Grace Brethren churches in the New England States and Canada.

Jim Hunt, his wife, Mary, and their children, moved to Vermont in 1975 to work with the American Missionary Fellowship in planting Bible-teaching churches in the New England States. During the five years that Jim Hunt worked with AMF, he saw God bless his ministry with the development of the Grace Brethren Church in Irasburg and the Grace Brethren Church in Island Pond, Vermont. Holding strong Brethren convictions, Jim accepted an offer by the Brethren Home Missions Council to join the Council's ministry, beginning August 1, 1980, and officially represent the Grace Brethren Fellowship in his church-planting endeavors.

Currently Jim Hunt is leading Bible classes in Newport, Vermont, and Beebe, Canada. Plans are also being finalized for a Bible class beginning in Stanstead, Canada.

The potential for church planting in the New England States and Canada is phenomenal. Jim evaluates the field as a present day Macendonia with an echoing call for help (see Acts 16:9). The Holy Spirit has ripened the crop and Jim Hunt, John Snow (pastor of the Irasburg Grace Brethren Church), and Warren Tamkin (pastor of the Island Pond Grace Brethren Church) are experiencing the joys of being harvesters.

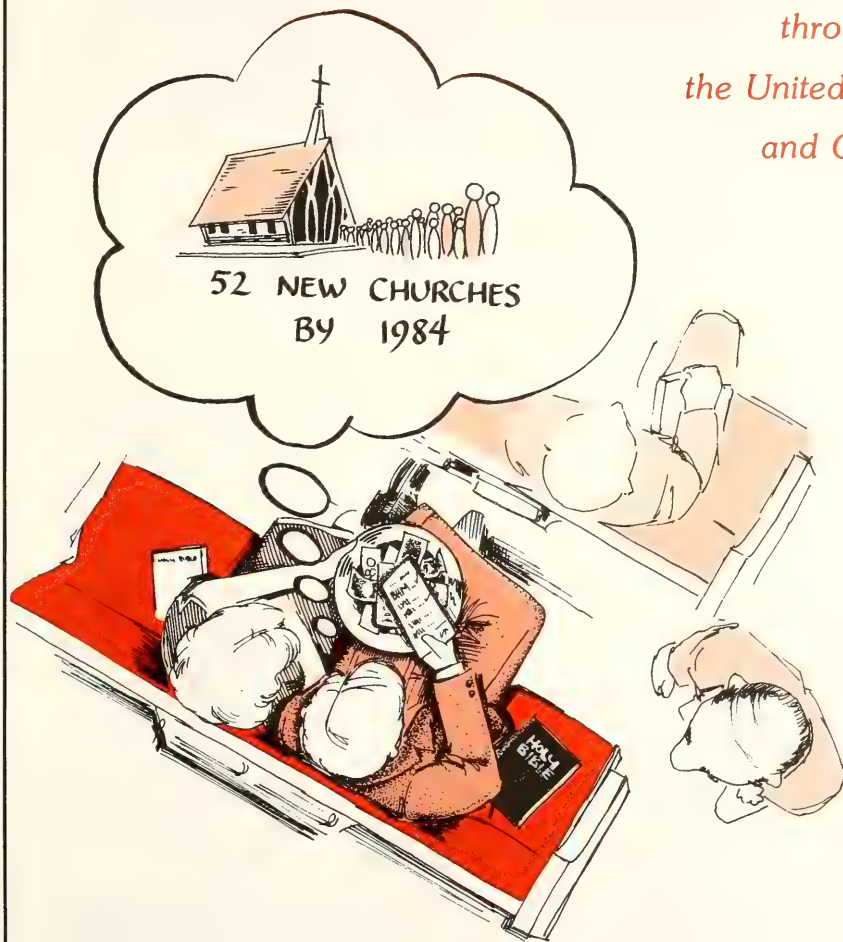
"Our greatest need, in addition to prayer," says Jim Hunt, "is for trained men. We need men trained in God's Word to come up here and help us with this harvest. We need men who live a godly life style with no gimmicks, who love the Lord and preach and teach His Word! That kind of a committed man will reap a great harvest for God here in New England and Canada."

Pray for Jim Hunt in his roving church-planting ministry and for the development of the area for Christ.



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news report

**From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches
and the Evangelical Press Association**

□ There is a new addition in the parsonage of the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.—Amy Laurel Mangum. Amy was born Aug. 11, weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs., and was 19 inches long. Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. Alan Mangum.

□ An evening reception was recently given by the members of the Grace Brethren Church of Clearwater, Fla., on Aug. 11, to welcome the new pastor, Dan Younger and his wife, Beverly.

□ Going to Florida? A directory of our Florida Grace Brethren Churches is available from the Herald Co. at no charge. This directory features a map of each church's location, a picture of the church and the time of services. The address and phone number of the church and the pastor are also included. To obtain your free copy, write to the Herald Co., P.O. Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

□ Bill Schaffer, son of Pastor William Schaffer at Camden, Ohio, presented a sacred music concert at the Grace Brethren Church on July 6. Bill is Minister of Music at the Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church, Key Biscayne, Fla., and a former professor at Grace College. Pastor Schaffer also baptized four of his grandchildren the day of the concert.

□ The 1981 *Brethren Annual* is in production, and current printing and mailing schedules call for copies to be placed in the mail at the end of November. Churches and pastors will automatically receive copies, based on the number ordered in prior years. Individuals who have previously ordered copies will also receive a copy. If you have not requested a copy any time in the past, and would like a copy of the 1981 edition, please write to the Missionary Herald, P.O. Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

□ On Sept. 14 the Grace Brethren Church of Mt. Laurel, N.J., celebrated their fifth anniversary in their present building. For this special anniversary and homecoming celebration, Dr. John McGahey, from Philadelphia College of the Bible, was their guest speaker. Also, included was special music and a fellowship dinner to enjoy. Robert Spicer, pastor.

□ A regional Christian Education Seminar for Grace Brethren Churches will be held Oct. 22 and 23 at the Washington Heights Grace Brethren Church, 3833 Michigan Ave., N.W., Roanoke, Va. This will be the only seminar for the Southeast District, so all Grace Brethren Churches in this region are cordially invited to participate. Fred W. Devan is the pastor. Roanoke area Grace Brethren are also reminded that Pastor Devan has a daily radio program, "Sounds of Grace," which is heard Monday through Friday from 11:15–11:30 a.m. on Radio Station WKBA, 1550 on the AM radio dial. Your prayerful support of this ministry is also encouraged.

□ A special "God Bless America Rally" was presented in the morning worship hour on July 6 at the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa. "Faith in God and America" was the theme of the rally. There were 53 American flags displayed throughout the auditorium honoring the 53 American hostages being held in Iran at the time. Each flag bore the name of one of the hostages. Pastor Luke Kauffman wrote a letter to all of the hostage families and called many of them in advance of the service inviting them to attend. Miss Pennsylvania, Anita Patton; and Robbie Hiner, musician on staff with Dr. Jerry Falwell, were guest artists during the service. Five news media carried the event for central Pennsylvania coverage. Pastor Kauffman's message was entitled, "My Freedom Indeed Is Blood Bought."



Participating in the rally were (l. to r.): Rev. Luke Kauffman, pastor; Anita Patton, Miss Pennsylvania; and Theresa and Alphonso Lodeski, parents of Bruce German, who is being held hostage in Iran. (Photo by Glenn Gray of the *Lebanon Daily News*)

□ The congregation of the Grace Brethren Church of Simi Valley, Calif., along with friends and relatives, surprised Pastor and Mrs. John Gillis with a twenty-

fifth wedding anniversary party and a two-week, all-expense paid vacation in the Hawaiian islands. More than four hundred people joined in this celebration which took place in June.



meetings

Robert P. Combs will hold an evangelistic meeting in the Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio, Oct. 12-19. Richard D. Robbins, pastor.

Dr. Robert B. Collitt, stewardship counselor for the Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service, will be speaking at the following Grace Brethren churches:

Grace Brethren Church of Norton, Norton, Ohio; Nov. 2-5; Robert Combs, pastor.

First Brethren Church, Grafton, W. Va.; Nov. 9-12; Richard McCarthy, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Nov. 16-19; Ronzil Jarvis, pastor.

Dr. John C. Whitcomb will be holding meetings at the following Grace Brethren churches:

East Side Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, Ohio; Nov. 7-9; Randy Bowman, pastor.

Manheim Grace Brethren Church, Manheim, Pa.; Nov. 14-16; Richard Placeway, pastor.

Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.; Nov. 21-23; H. Don Rough, pastor.

deaths

Death notices must be submitted in writing by the pastor.

DOBAK, Louis, July 22, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md. James Dixon, pastor.

ERB, Roy, 75, Aug. 23, Grace Brethren Church, Lake Odessa, Mich. Bill Stevens, pastor.

KOLB, Rebecca, 82, Aug. 10, Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Alan Mangum, pastor.

LYNN, Archie, 91, Dec. 14, 1979. Archie Lynn pastored churches at Sterling and Ankenytown, Ohio; Pittsburgh and Johnstown, Pa.; LaVerne and Glendale,

Calif.; and Roanoke (Patterson Memorial), Va. He studied at Ashland College and received the A.B. degree in Seminary Curriculum in 1921. Mr. Lynn is survived by his wife, Artie (Gillespie), of Roanoke, Va.

McFERREN, Marie, 78, Aug. 3, West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio. Robert Holmes, pastor.

MERRIN, Fred, 73, July 4, Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church, Bellville, Ohio. Thomas Bailey, pastor.

MILLER, Mary Emma, 66, July 13, a faithful member of the Summit Mills Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa. Al Valentine, pastor.

change your annual

☐ Don Jentes has resigned as pastor at the Grace Brethren Church of Albuquerque, N. Mex. ☐ Clyde Landrum, 1108 Chestnut Ave., Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. ☐ Ralph Miller has become the pastor of the Wildwood Grace Brethren Church, Salem, Va.

☐ Gerald Polman has assumed the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church, Lansing, Mich. ☐ The First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif.; and the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, have both changed their names to Grace Brethren Church.

☐ Need Sunday school material from David C. Cook, Scripture Press or Gospel Light? The Missionary Herald carries it IN STOCK. And, we can ship it promptly by surface or air UPS, if you wish. Call us toll-free at 800-348-2756 with your order. You'll get service with a capital S!

☐ Three or four times a year the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church of Harrisburg, Pa., hosts a "This Is Your Night" program to honor special church members. Recently two deserving senior members were honored—Sarah Richwine, 85; and Ed Wells, 88—for their active church attendance. Earle Peer, pastor.



☐ There is an immediate need for a builder in the Central African Republic. The term would be six to nine months or longer, starting within four weeks. Interested persons should contact Dr. Don Hocking at (219) 267-4697, or Ed Lewis at GBC Christian Education (219) 267-6622.

Studying the Bible

by Richard Harrell

How did you learn what you know about the Bible? Stop and think for just a minute. The answer might surprise you.

Maybe you went to Sunday school and learned a lot. On the other hand, maybe you never had the opportunity to go to Sunday school. Chances are that you did not pick up your Bible knowledge in classes at school.

Then, just how did you learn what you

know about the Bible? Do you suppose you could have picked up most of it by reading the Bible for yourself in personal study? That seems to be what God had in mind when He gave us the Book in the first place.

This has been one of the main problems in the work here in the Chad since the beginning. When the first missionaries arrived in this area, zero percent of the population knew

God's Word is the same the world over, even though

**in the
Chad**



how to read, in any language. The early missionaries quickly set about explaining the Gospel and teaching the Africans how to read so that they could learn from God's Word on their own between meeting times.

It was a very good idea. Thanks to their foresight we now have godly men here in the Baibokoum-Gore area of the Chad who are pastors of Brethren churches and are training others to learn to live for the Lord.

That last sentence sounds a little utopian. Let me take a minute to explain just how this training works and who might be involved. I should point out that it is possible to be a teacher at one point in the system and a student at a point a little higher up the line.

Since Chad's independence in 1960, there has been a big increase in the number of students in the elementary schools. However,

not more than 4 percent of all children go to school at all. A much smaller percentage finishes elementary school. Therefore, the church is not relieved of the responsibility to train Christians to read.

A recent survey of 33 Brethren churches in the Chad indicated that 28 of them continue to hold classes to teach people how to read. Unfortunately, this same survey shows that only 57 percent of all church members know how to read. That means that 43 percent of the members do not get any spiritual input except when they come to church. Think about what effect that condition would have on spiritual growth!

But reading is not the only thing the church teaches. In an effort to train converts to understand Bible teaching, the pastors in the churches conduct converts classes to help

it's taught in many different environments.





new believers understand what the Christian life is all about. These classes are always taught by the pastor of the local church. There is no mission involvement in this part of the work. The goal of these converts classes is to prepare the converts for baptism and church membership.

After successfully completing the converts classes, believers are proposed for baptism. Once they are members of the local church, they attend new classes to meet their needs—the members classes. In these courses the local pastor continues the work of indoctrinating believers in what the Bible says about God's expectations of Christians now that they belong to Him.

For the majority of church members, these classes are the end of the line. That is, they seek no further training beyond this level. In

fact, some of them are not very faithful in their attendance at members classes. This past year the total attendance at all members classes was only 23 percent of the entire church membership. That is an area which needs some attention.

But let's look at some of the other opportunities which are available to members who want to study the Bible further. It should be understood that the purpose behind these classes is twofold. First, the mission wants all church members to know as much as they can about the Bible. Second, there has to be some way of cultivating and training new pastors if the work is to continue beyond next week or next month.

Sunday school is a possibility for all, members and converts alike. However, it is a possibility only in those churches which offer

Personal Bible study and Bible classes are the





it. Probably half of the churches offer no Sunday school program at all. The reasons for this range from lack of interest on the part of the members who may not see the value of Sunday school, to a lack of qualified teachers in the church membership.

Just being able to read does not qualify one to be a Sunday school teacher. It is not uncommon for those who cannot read to be more faithful to what they are taught than those who can read, which makes for an interesting problem or two in looking for qualified workers.

Probably the one area of the work which has done the most to aid in the training of pastors is the Flambeaux movement. This is a program modeled after some of the youth movements found in Brethren churches in the states. A recent survey revealed that since the

inception of the Flambeaux program in the Chad, all pastors have come from the Flambeaux groups.

The Flambeaux program is overseen in the local church by the pastor and a committee of members. Each church district has a supervisor to coordinate inter-church activities. And in turn, these supervisors are trained by mission personnel.

A few other options are available for Bible study. Bible correspondence courses are, and have been, a help in training young people for future service in the ministry. There are currently 35 students taking these courses, published by Emmaus Bible Institute in Geneva. The courses are available in both French and Sango. Mission personnel in the Chad carry on the program.

Let's suppose that a young man who has

key to equipping Chadian young men to tell . . .



completed converts classes and members classes, has been active in Flambeaux, and has taken Bible correspondence courses, wants to become a pastor. What does he do? He cannot simply write for a catalog from a good Bible college. Instead he lets his pastor know that he would like to begin some formalized study to become a pastor.

In this case, many of the pastors will spend time with the individual to give him a more personalized study in the village. Then in about a year, sometimes more than that, the pastor may propose the young man for the entrance exam for the Preparatory Bible Institute, which is located at Bessao.


The Preparatory Bible Institute (PBI) is designed specifically to train pastors. It

follows a three-year curriculum in which all students are taught the same subject matter simultaneously. This approach eliminates the need for a large faculty.

To be eligible to attend the PBI, a student must have completed elementary school. That does not sound like much, but remember that this requirement eliminates over half of all potential candidates. In fact, among the pastors currently in the work not more than five have completed all six years of elementary school.

If at the end of his three-year term at PBI the student has good enough grades, he is permitted to take the entrance exam for the Bible Institute. At this point the training possibilities for a pastor run out in the Chad.

...their countrymen about Jesus Christ.



*Read next month's Herald
to see what happens to a
young man who is really
desirous of being a pastor
or getting more education.*

Renew the Vision

by John W. Zielasko

Eighty years ago, Jacob Cassel asked the question during national conference: "Is now the time for the Brethren Church to enter a foreign mission program?" At least 53 people present at that conference gave a resounding "YES" to the question and our Society was born.

We have come a long way since that conference, and God has blessed in a marvelous way.

Now the Society stands at the crossroads. A whole corps of missionary candidates is in various stages of preparation for missionary service and is expecting that the Brethren Church will send it out. The vast Orient and its masses of unreached millions beckon us like the Macedonian call, "Come over and help us."

The Muslims, the Pygmies, and 16,000 other ethnic groups are still unevangelized. Veteran missionary Marvin Goodman faces an exciting challenge in the Cameroun that could lead to the formation of at least 30 churches in the near future.

And these are only a few of the opportunities that await our response!

But, one formidable obstacle stands in the way: the high cost in dollars that is not only impeding the progress of the mission program, but is making it difficult to maintain the program on an "as is" basis.

Brethren Foreign Missions is faced again with a devastating deficit. At this point, it is projected that the budget will be underfinanced by about \$80,000.

I understand that former presidential candidate, John Connally, spent \$11 million in his campaign and gained only one delegate. This, in comparison to the annual contributions to the Foreign Missionary Society, makes us realize that in no sense can we consider the Lord's work too expensive.

Only Brethren people support Brethren Missions--only you can get the missionary enterprise moving again.

The early missionaries made great sacrifices, even to the point of death, in order to carry the banner of Christ into pagan and false religious cultures. All God is asking us to sacrifice is a greater share of our material blessings.

Brethren, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh; don't leave your money for the godless to squander. Invest in heavenly treasures.

Encourage people in your congregations who are not involved in the foreign mission program to give so that we can move into the Orient, can reach the Pygmies of Africa, can support the Goodmans in the Cameroun, can help the African national church with their new seminary, and can evangelize some of the 30,000 cities in France.

Renew the vision! And like the early Moravians, let us go out to conquer for the Lamb of God.

Priority Goals of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Grace Brethren Church for the 1980's

1. A doubling of missionary personnel geared to evangelism and church planting among the unreached (2.5 billion people) by 1985.
2. One hundred fifty new churches.
3. A \$3 million foreign missions offering by 1984.
4. An adequate pastor training program in cooperation with the national church on all fields.
5. An impact for missions in all Grace Brethren Churches in order to reach these goals; that is, missions committee functioning; missions teaching on all levels; missions conference and seminars.



A missionary looks at the present financial situation

Our Needs . . . and Yours

by Tom Julien

A few days ago my wife, Doris, and I were visiting a friend in the hospital. "What is your favorite passage of Scripture?" we asked. The reply was Philippians 4:19, "My God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory . . ."

Missionaries like this verse because leaving the security of familiar surroundings does create needs, both material and spiritual. Did you know, though, that this familiar promise was not addressed specifically to missionaries, but by a missionary to one of his supporting churches?

The reason might surprise you.

The Christians of Philippi were so generous that their generosity actually brought them to a state of need. According to 2 Corinthians 8:2-3, they were the kind of people who gave out of poverty, not just according to their means, but beyond.

They were like the widow who gave the two mites.

And because they were willing to suffer the loss of certain immediate benefits, they would be given other benefits more important. Paul told them that they would be able to draw from God's "riches in glory" through a relationship with Christ Jesus (the rich who became poor) that would certainly cause material things to pale in comparison.

During the past several months, you have read quite a bit about the current financial needs in Brethren Foreign Missions. The situation is serious. It is serious to the extent that cut-backs have been made in all the field budgets. We are beginning to feel the sting of these cut-backs, and the effectiveness of our outreach could suffer.

This article, however, is more than an appeal for funds, written by a missionary whose continued ministry is dependent upon your willingness to give.

It is an appeal for you and me to see giving in a greater perspective—an appeal for us to enter into the experience of Philippians 4:19, which means giving until we enter that more intimate relationship with Christ Jesus caused by our dependence upon Him.

It may be that we are entering a new era of giving to missions in the Grace Brethren Church, an era of sacrificial giving. Rev. Jesse Deloe recently stated that Brethren have always given generously to missions, but may not have had to give sacrificially. Thus far, we have had enough material resources to fund world evangelism without depriving ourselves and our churches of other things.

This situation may well be coming to an end. Rampant inflation and dollar devaluation have brought us to the place where the generous missionary offerings of the past few years have been insufficient to meet basic needs. We may be nearing the day when giving to missions will require giving up other things.

If so, let us rejoice. Ours is not a day of gloom; we must shake off paralyzing pessimism. Perhaps God will use the present crisis to enable us to take a harder look at priorities. Perhaps He is leading us into a new and exciting kind of giving and, with it, into a new and more intimate relationship with our Lord.

You see, the only real sacrifice is to refuse to sacrifice. Materialism, which promises so much and gives so little, has already exacted too many sacrifices from God's people. It has caused us to bow down before the altar of the immediate. It has blurred our vision and de-

formed our values. It has robbed us of our intimacy with the blessed Lord.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

Let's learn to look above the price tag and recapture our vision of the living Lord and of the real purpose of our existence. Missions costs a lot, and the price will continue to go up, and up, and up. But it is our money, not souls, that has lost its value. If a loved one were in the hospital hovering between life and death, would we be thinking about the bill? Would we risk failure by imposing senseless measures of economy upon the surgeon?

We who have invested our lives in missions (a life is worth a lot) sense that we may be facing our greatest opportunities and challenges. We do not want just to maintain some kind of status quo. We want to move forward. We want to attract the finest of our young people to give their lives to world evangelism with the assurance that they will be adequately supported.

It will cost a lot. But we do not want to see a financial moratorium imposed upon the Great Commission.

We know that you who have pledged your

lives to "hold the ropes" will not fail us at this time. You have never failed us yet.

Some feel that we are reaching a saturation point in missions-giving in the Grace Brethren Churches. We who are missionaries refuse to believe this. Nor do we believe that we are at a saturation point in our dedication to Jesus Christ.

What we do believe is that you have not fully grasped the seriousness of the present situation. Dr. James Custer told us at national conference that the real problem is one of communication. When Brethren people get the message, they respond. We think he is right.

Maybe this article will help some of you to understand just how much we need you right now. We do not know what the future holds, or just what measures will have to be taken. We do know that many of you will have to give in an exceptional way to meet the immediate need.

And because of the immediate need, some of you are going to discover a new dimension in giving. For you, the present financial situation will have done you one of the biggest favors you have known.

The Joy of United Service



A very pleasant surprise was given our pioneer missionaries to Hawaii, Foster and Marguerite Tresise, at the initial Hawaii District Conference this year. They were presented an award for 26 years of faithful service in Brethren Foreign Missions.

The plaque is inscribed with the symbol of a close handshake which, from the missionaries' point of view, very wonderfully symbolizes their relationship with Foreign Missions through the years.

"This relationship and unity have greatly heightened our joy and effectiveness on the field. We are grateful for this display and thoughtfulness on the part of the Society and covet several more years of service for our Lord."

Grace Village Breaks Ground



DIRECTORS AND HONORED GUESTS TAKE TURNS BREAKING GROUND FOR \$580,000 FACILITY

Friday, August 1, the last day of national conference, was a beautiful, sunny day at Winona Lake. A large number of friends and residents of Grace Village gathered in the afternoon to participate in the service of ground breaking for the long-awaited health care facility.

Some of those who participated in the service include, left to right clockwise, from the lower left corner: Ralph Hall, chairman of the board of directors; Donna Fuller; Dr. Russell Barnard; Dr. William Walker; Raymond Thompson; Frank Poland; Robert Ashman (the first administrator); Marlin Rose; Charles Ashman; Lee Jenkins; Sherwood Durkee, administrator; and Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., an original board member and village resident.

32 BEDS PLANNED

The first stage of construction will include 32 beds with all the necessary services. The Grace Village health care facility will be among the finest in the country. All state and federal regulations will be closely followed, and the Christian staff responsible for its operation will be capable and qualified.



for New Health Care Unit

photos by Homer A. Kent, Jr.



At left: Dr. Russell D. Barnard leads in prayer during the ground-breaking service. Dr. Barnard was one of the original board members and for many years was the general secretary of Brethren Foreign Missions. He and Mrs. Barnard were some of the first residents to move into the village in 1974.

Below: a portion of the crowd attending the service.

Earn up to 10% interest. Investments in the Grace Village expansion program offer you an opportunity to earn a high rate of interest, and also assist in the current building plans. Investment notes

and annuities are available, and depending on the amount you wish to invest and the length of time you place your investment, you may earn 7%, 9%, 9½% or 10% interest. Phone or write for brochures describing these plans. If you are interested in retirement living, a "Question and Answer" brochure describing Grace Village is also available.



Grace Village

To obtain information on notes, annuities and retirement living, please write or phone Mr. Sherwood Durkee, administrator.

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The Little House on the Parking Lot



by Dr. Bob Collitt
Stewardship Counselor
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Stewardship Service

What makes a good church parking lot? Why, any trustee can tell you that it takes blacktop, lines, good drainage, and so forth. I wonder why the trustees never mention the trash can lids? What do you mean, you don't understand? Well, sir, just how do you figure on making use of your \$9.97 K-Mart hibachi, if you don't have a good, flat, trash can lid to put it on when you char-broil those weenies?!

All of which just goes to show that most everything is a matter of perspective, isn't it? The trustees are right, of course, and there aren't too many stewardship counselors who tool into church parking lots, wondering what the prospects are for setting up a deluxe barbecue pit.

Neither do very many of the Sunday morning parkers care a whole lot about where the water and electrical outlets are. But these things do mean a lot to the "strange" guy who pulls up in a 50-foot vehicle—18 feet of it for the van, and 32 for the trailer—which is home 365 days a year.

As you stand beside this box on wheels, someone inevitably pops the question, "Where do you live?"

Jerking a thumb towards your traveling home, office and headquarters, you reply, "Right there." And then it happens. (Every time, I mean.) The next question is, "Yeah! but I mean, where do you really live?" Folks just can't believe that this is "it."

I guess Arlene and I had some feelings akin to those when, a year ago, we moved out of a lovely eight-room house into our rolling stock. Three yard sales (two of them rained indoors), and a couple of storage rooms in the homes of friends and relatives, enabled us to condense the accumulation of years into what seemed, at the time, a ridiculously tiny space. I mean, friends, that it is small, when the preacher has to hang his "Sunday-go-to-meeting" suit in the back of the van, because he can't afford the luxury of taking up closet space with a suit that is worn only once a week.

And how about a gal who loves to raise a vegetable garden, fool around with flowers and have lots of people in for meals? The kind who washes every day? Very likely our next piece will be entitled, "Laundromats We Have Known" (and never spoken to again). Believe me, we have souvenirs of just about every "wishy washy" we've ever visited. Some dryers shrink things so badly that I was afraid to

let Arlene stick her head in to look around for clothes! And most folks think our once-white things are now orange. Not so, m'friend! That ain't orange, that's genuine iron! I wonder why those places don't advertise "wash and iron"?

Everyone who knows me, knows that I am, self-admittedly, "the world's worst mechanic." Could that be why a good friend and trailer owner hooted with fiendish glee when he said, "Hoo - boy, a travel trailer is the world's biggest do-it-yourself-kit"? Trouble is, he was right! Tell you what, though, this factor has been the source of much encouragement about answered prayer. More times than I can recall, I have had to make some kind of an adjustment, or minor repair, which was way beyond me. So, I would fool around a little bit, and *viola!!* The thing was done. And suddenly it would dawn on me that someone's prayer had just been answered. That's really neat!

Is adjustment to this kind of living hard? Not really. Our first stop was in familiar territory, where we had many friends. Knowing we were slated to spend a couple months in one location, while ministering in a circle of churches, kind, well-meaning friends would insist that we must move in with them. However, we felt that if this was going to be our life, then we had to "give" ourselves to our trailer. We are glad that we did, for now the "little house on the parking lot" is truly home, in every sense of the word. Although we may look the part, we don't feel like deprived people at all! After all, you can only be in one room at a time, anyway, so why have eight? And, you buy less, because what are you going to do with it after you get it?!

So, with an 8 by 32 foot home, and a little white poodle that has to be one of the world's greatest travelers, what more can one ask? Well, that's another story! But, anyway, it's great and we thank the Lord for allowing us to live on church parking lots. Just keep those trash can lids smooth!



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Director of Youth Ministries Ed Lewis and CE thanks so many who helped make this year's Brethren National Youth Conference a special spiritual motivation and help for 1,135 in attendance!

The Children, the Youth, the Sunday School

I just came back from a little tennis with my grade "A," grade seven, daughter. I won, she's getting better, and my passion for Sunday school got stronger.

Kids of all kinds hang around our city parks where the tennis courts lie. Now and then I noticed the four shabbily-dressed junior-high-age guys who were sitting around, then walking around, then fooling around, then wrestling. ... I glanced between returns. The biggest one, and roughest looking, was roughing with one of the thinnest. They were joking? ... Yes. ... No. ... Maybe not. ... I went over finally, but it was over. The smaller one, now the only one, said it was all right, they were only kidding. But he was hurting, and I knew that was not true.

As they got almost out of view, I saw the bigger one pushing him hard again.

And I hurt.

This is birthday 200 for the Sunday school; a very significant idea that started because "of the little heathen of the neighborhood" as Robert Raikes, the host of the first classes, called them. The children who got one day off from their 6 days a week in the mills were worse than rowdy on Sunday. Many ran wild.

Raikes chose the roughest slum in Gloucester, a part where there were no tennis courts. On Sooty Alley, these first classes began. Ninety children, a few logs tied to their

legs so they wouldn't run away, met with 4 teachers and it was on.

Jesus suffered the little children to come to Him.

If I have to suffer to get them, I would just as soon skip it.

I must keep working on that.

With my feelings and my faith pushing me, I will not think lightly of Sunday school busing that just brings in the child-load. Especially if we can get toward the whole family that way.

I will seek to do more to honor those teachers who not only take a class, but they also allow the class to take their hearts, causing mingling, coming, hard study, and love.

I must help youth emphasis be a major emphasis, not a tack-on, getting dribbles of money and care rather than priority.

I will move faster to get to kids in need, love the Christian school even more, and multiply that prayer of Colossians 1:9-14 for our own.

And with that, I will light the candles of Sunday school, with you, to give thanks for this celebration of a terrific idea, which calls for the hard work and loyalty of everyone in the church.

Let's win this set.

Knute Larson

Pastor Knute Larson, executive director
Rev. Kevin Huggins, assistant director

Rev. Ed Lewis, director of youth ministries
Miss Judy Ashman, director of SMM

The board, all the staff, and directors of GBC Christian Education thank all who helped in our very profitable CE convention at conference, and all who shared the joy of our new Christian Edquarters building! We appreciate you!



"Worthy of"

1980 CE Awards

Presenting the New Church of the Year award was a special pleasure to Administrative Assistant Ginny Toroian of GBC CE. Irasburg, Vermont, John Snow, pastor, was selected on the basis of their "composite" growth. They qualified for this award as a church three years old or younger.



A church marked with growth in numbers and concentration on training responsible members is East Side Grace Brethren Church, Columbus, Ohio. Pastor Randy Bowman, along with Pastor Phil Teran, work toward getting everyone involved in some form of ministry in the church. GBC Christian Education is happy to award them the Alexander Mack Baptism-Membership Award for 1980. David Plaster, a CE board member (left), shared in Pastor Bowman's joy.

Mrs. Janice Thornton (Sunnyside, Wash.) was selected as outstanding Educator of the Year at the recent CE convention. She has been an example of real caring in her teaching of young children. CE board member Chuck Davis made the presentation.



Sunday School of the Year, Lititz, Pa., GBC

Finally.

This growing school has been in final consideration for our high Sunday school award the last three years. Their steady growth—13.9 percent this last conference year, from an average

of 416 to 474 and their very efficient quality control were conviners for the judges.

They train their teachers, major student involvement, publish a month

Double Honor"



"Mom" Etling—Mrs. Ada—of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Indiana, was honored with the 1980 Senior Medal of Ministry, for a senior (66 or over) still actively ministering. The seniors group at Fort Wayne Blackhawk Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana, made the selection from the excellent nominations. Mrs. Etling serves in the nursery, WMC, and as Care Deaconess. We love her in a special way!



Guy Brightbill, superintendent of the Myerstown Grace Brethren Sunday School, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, the last few years, was honored as Administrator of the Year for Christian Education. He has been part of an excellent Sunday school team that spends every Saturday morning planning and praying with the other school leaders.



To be called Resurrection of the Year hardly begins to tell the story of the come-back Geisstown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, has made in the last year. Pastor Jerry Allebach (left) received the award from Galen Wiley (board member), with gratitude for the work the Lord is doing.

y team spirit paper to help all their workers, and have vision to keep improving.

Pastor Jerry Young is senior pastoral leader. Associate Pastor Bernie Sim-

mons joined the team and has headed up Christian ed ministries since 1978. The superintendent for the Sunday school is Henry Rosenfeld.

ICL seminars, tough standards, and

carefully selected teachers are familiar to Lititz people. The church itself is having more than 500 as part of its 2 morning worship services—good growth since its beginning in 1971.

Church Ministries Seminar

GBC Christian Education is holding regional seminars to assist our Grace Brethren churches in their church ministries and outreach. Seminars are presented at an all-day Saturday (district-wide) session or in two evening sessions on a city-wide basis. Twenty workshops in all are presented by the GBC Christian Education staff along with two stimulating general sessions led by Pastor Knute Larson. Miss Nancy DeMoss, director of the Family Division of Moral Majority and former children's ministries director at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, serves as a workshop leader in children's ministries and teacher training sessions at the seminar.

GBC Christian Education seeks to make the Church Ministries Seminars one that is practical for both small and large church ministries. Church staff, lay workers, Sunday school teachers, and pastors are all encouraged to take advantage of a seminar when one comes to their area. The host church for each seminar receives group and individual registrations for its seminar and charges a small registration fee to cover seminar expenses.

The seminar schedule varies from region to region, but the general content of this year's Church Ministries Seminar is outlined below:

1980 Fall/Winter Seminar Schedule

<u>District/ City</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Indiana	Winona Lake, Ind.	Sept. 15-16, 1980
Mid-Atlantic	Temple Hills, Md.	Oct. 18, 1980
Hagerstown, Md.	Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	Oct. 20-21, 1980
Southeast/Roanoke, Va.	Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights)	Oct. 22-23, 1980
West Penn/Allegheny	Martinsburg, Pa.	Oct. 25, 1980

— FIRST HALF —

(Presented on Saturday morning or evening, No. 1)

General Sessions: "The Deadliest Sin Facing Church Workers"

Workshop Session I

- "Dealing with Discipline Problems in Children's Ministries"
- "If I Would Start a Church's C.E. Program from Scratch . . ."
- "Dynamic Youth Ministry: Reach Out Strategy — Part I"
- "The Marks of an Effective Teacher of Youth and Adults"
- "Preschool Ministries in the Church"

Workshop Session II

- "Using and Going Beyond the Teacher's Manual for Children"
- "What Makes a Church Grow and Grow and . . ."
- "Dynamic Youth Ministry: Reach Out Strategy — Part II"
- "Using Learning Activities to Teach the Bible"
- "Games Festival: New Games and Crowdbreakers for Any Age"

— SECOND HALF —

(Presented on Saturday afternoon or evening, No. 2)

General Session: "The Hazards of Leading in the Church"

Workshop Session III

- "The Marks of an Effective Youth Worker"
- "Motivating Children Through Creative Bible Teaching"
- "Ministering to Girls through SMM"
- "For Pastors and Their Wives Only: Unprinted Tips"
- "Effective Discipleship and Evangelism Training for Adults"

Workshop Session IV

- "Parents and the Church's Youth Ministry"
- "Adult S. S. Classes—A Hidden Resource for Ministry"
- "The Church's Responsibility to the Single & Divorced"
- "Active Learning Games for Children"
- "Extending Your Church's Ministry to the Home"

The Growing Church



*Grace Brethren Church
New Holland, Pennsylvania
Robert Divine, Pastor*

A Problem Answered and Training for Future Ministry

The New Holland Grace Brethren Church found themselves in a special position with the post-high members of their church family. With about 30 young adults in that age bracket, the need for a ministry directed to their interests was apparent.

Interested members were called together and the need for a teacher was shared. With the tremendous potential for serving the Lord within members of the group, it was suggested that class members share the teaching responsibility. It was time to reap the benefits of the hours invested in their Christian training by parents, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and youth leaders.

As Christian education director, Rick Joline, put it: "CE ministries of a church are like a chain in which each link, the ministry to each age group, must be strong if the total program is to be strong." The actual teaching experience would provide excellent training for future teaching ministries in other areas of the CE program.

New Holland met the challenge of ministering to an ever-changing group. They have experienced the results—consistent and increased attendance, and members serving in other ministries.

How In the World do you Grow a Church?

by Pastor Galen Wiley
Minerva Grace Brethren Church
Minerva, Ohio

How in the world do you grow a church? Our bookshelves are staggering under the weight of books written to answer this question. But who do you follow? Arn or McGavran? Stedman or Wagner? Schaller or Shuller? Falwell or Kennedy? Do you need seven principles? Is it ten? Is it fifteen? How many diseases are there lurking in the shadows ready to strike us the moment our guard is down?

Most of the ideas proposed are great. They have made us see some hard realities we too often have tried to avoid. But there is an inherent danger in all this—that we will get so preoccupied with battling all the diseases, analyzing all the charts, and precisely applying all the principles, that we somehow forget the one key foundational principle that makes or breaks the whole process.

You can go to all the seminars, read all the books, and apply everything precisely; but if you forget the one foundational principle, you will fail. You can be a common, ordinary pastor; and a common, ordinary congregation; in a common, ordinary building; using common, ordinary programs; and, if you follow this principle, you will be a smashing success.

The key is in Matthew 16:18—Jesus Christ. He was the first One to write on church growth. He said it plain and simple, "Upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The rock is clear. It's the reality that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). There can be no other foundation than this (see 2 Cor. 3:11). That is why every cult denies Him. That is why the whole liberal movement tries to make Him a man, a good man maybe, but just a man.

Satan will do anything he can to get people

building on the sand so that they will fall. There is only one rock, and that is Jesus Christ. We have to build on Him; not on our programs, our buildings, our budgets, our pastors, or on our busses. We must build on Jesus Christ! We dare not build using our petty abilities and puny ideas, fulfilling our self-made plans, feeding our pride, and living for our glory. We must build with the recognition that Jesus Christ is the absolute and only foundation of all we say and do. He's our Head, our Lord, our message, our salvation, our life, our power, our wisdom, our love, our joy, our peace, our goal, our priority, and our only glory. He is everything!

Jesus said that *He* would build *His* Church. It would be on the rock, and *He* would build it. Jesus will build it, not men. Jesus will build it, not programs. Jesus will build it, not church growth specialists. Jesus works through men and women, but they are just the body that He uses. We must realize that in the final analysis it is His work, not ours. We can't do it (see John 15:4-5), but Jesus can!

The crucial question is, "What determines where Christ will mightily build His Church?" Does He look for a beautiful cathedral; or well-oiled machinery for administration; or an abundance of wealth; or a congregation of well-educated, sophisticated community leaders; or an outstanding, dynamic pastor exuding charisma? No! God's Word is super clear that these things are not the key, no matter how beneficial they may be. The key is people that are simply and totally committed to His will. *Jesus Christ builds His Church in proportion to our submission to His control!*

The message contained in Romans 9-10 is that God is absolutely sovereign. He does His work not where people want it, beg for it and work for it (see 9:16); but where they choose to respond totally by faith to His will and His ways. The truths in Ephesians 4-5 state that either we are grieving and quench-

ing the Holy Spirit by sin in our life and thus living in defeat; or we are filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit, yielding ourselves completely to His control and living in victory. The message of Revelation 2-3 is that Christ will only do His work mightily in congregations that are yielded to His control. Otherwise, the candle goes out and the light of that church is gone.

I am convinced from God's Word that Christ builds His Church in proportion to our submission to His control! Christ will not bless when a congregation is proud, selfish, self-sufficient, filled with bitterness and anger, unwilling to forgive and truly love, insistent on its own way, trapped in petty traditions and unwilling to totally submit to Him.

He will still work through individual believers who are willing to submit to Him as Lord. But the Church itself will never truly grow, even with all the greatest church growth principles, the greatest buildings, pastors, programs, and budgets, until they are willing to bow humbly in submission to the absolute control of Jesus Christ as their Lord. They may be able to build a monument to some earthly name or idea, but not to the praise of the glory of His grace.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it" (Ps. 127:1). "God resisteth the proud [those insisting on their own ways], but giveth grace unto the humble [those submitting completely to His control]" (James 4:6).

What a promise: "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"! The picture presented here is that all the forces of evil rush through the gates of hell to do battle (see v. 18). And all the powers of God burst forth from heaven to work through His people to whom He has entrusted the work of His kingdom (v. 19).

We have the promise that all the forces of evil shall never conquer. However, what do you do with the dead, empty churches that stand as a mute testimony of failure? What about all the feuds and fights, the powerless and struggling congregations going down to defeat? You have to go back to the key again.

It is the Church that Christ builds upon the solid foundation that shall never fall. The Church built upon human foundations or built by human efforts can be easily toppled. The Church that Christ builds shall stand for eternity, and all the powers of hell unleashed against it shall not prevail. That which Satan can destroy is only of man. That which abides through all the battles and storms of time is truly of God.

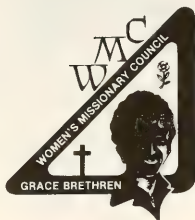
It is a simple principle. The principle is that Jesus Christ builds His Church in proportion to our submission to His control.

All of our large, growing, exciting churches that we admire and for which we praise God are simply composed of common, ordinary people where a mighty God is at work. The foundational key again is simply Jesus Christ, and our absolute submission to His control, His Word, His character, His will, His ways, His power. But it really costs us something if we want it. It cost Jesus His life. It will cost us ours, too: "If any man [church] will come after me, let him [it] deny himself [itself], take up his [its] cross, and follow me. For whosoever [whatever church] will save his [its] life shall lose it; and whosoever [whatever church] will lose his [its] life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 16:24-25).

How in the world do you grow a church? We should praise God for all the helps that are available to us! We can praise God for all the buildings, financial resources, and programs that are ours! We can praise God for all the well-trained students of the Word that are standing in our pulpits! We can praise God for all the gifted and educated ministers sitting in our pews!

However, in the excitement of using all these fabulous resources available to us today, let us never forget the foundational principle outlined by the ultimate Authority on church growth, Jesus Christ Himself. He said it in plain and simple language: "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

In other words, as we try to grow our gardens, let us not forget to plant the seeds. That makes or breaks the whole process.



Women Manifesting Christ

Missionary Birthdays

DECEMBER 1980

(If no address is listed, the address will be found on pages 28 and 29 of the 1980 Brethren Annual.)

AFRICA

Miss Mary Cripe	December 5
Mr. Jean-Claude Vieuble	December 12
Karl Immel	December 13, 1969
John Garber	December 16, 1964
Joyce Garber	December 16, 1964
Nicholas Vieuble	December 20, 1976
Mrs. Lois Miller	December 27
Rev. Richard Harrell	December 28
Miss Mary Ann Habegger	December 29

ARGENTINA

Mrs. Lita Futch	December 5
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FRANCE

Mrs. Susan Griffith	December 29
Centre Missionnaire, 50 rue des Galibouds, 73200-Albertville, France	

GERMANY

Ryan Peugh	December 21, 1968
Freya Pappas	December 22, 1977
Philip Peugh	December 29, 1970

HAWAII

Mrs. Marguerite Tresise	December 14
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MEXICO

Rev. Walter Haag	December 4
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PUERTO RICO

Rev. Norman Schrock	December 2
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IN THE UNITED STATES

Miss Johanna Nielsen	December 3
Tina Walker	December 3, 1964

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"For the Lord
grants wisdom!
His every word
is a treasure of
knowledge and understanding."
PROVERBS 2:6



WMC Idea File

— Take a boy to be a secret pal for a year. The boys often see the girls treated in some special way by the ladies in the Mini-Maxi program, but this could be a healthy addition not a detraction from the program.
— Iowa

— Sponsor a missionary banquet for special young people going into missionary service, honoring them for commitment made to Barnabas teams, Timothy teams, TIME, and so forth.

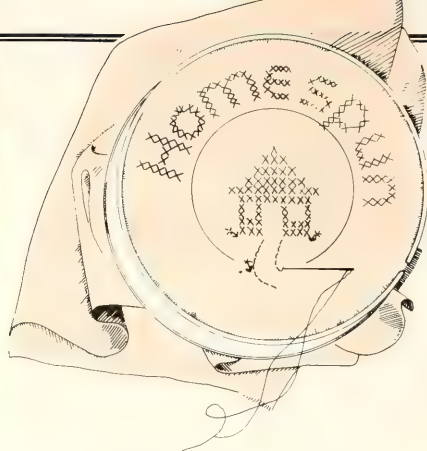
— Use parents and families of missionaries as resource centers of information about those serving on foreign fields.

— Double sheets are used by missionaries (especially in Africa) for decorating purposes as well as covering beds. Remember this when stocking missions chests.

— To save precious energy, conserve by combining WMC and SMM rallies or other district events.

— Mixer game. Place different spices on a table unlabeled. Groups of two try to guess what each of the spices is.

— Precious Partner. Take a precious partner in prayer this year. Confide in each other prayer requests that need not be expressed to an entire group. Make a new special friend this year.



by Carolyn Peak, California

Sometimes when I vacuum, I think of the sweeper as representing me—the cord represents prayer and fellowship with God; the electricity His power; and the actual vacuuming as the work that He energizes me to do. The other day, much to my delight, a new dimension was added to the analogy.

It was added after I had spilled some moth crystals on the floor. Grimacing at my clumsiness, I scooped up as many as I could with my hands then pulled out the vacuum and sucked up the rest with that trusty gadget. Putting the machine away, I thought no more about the matter until a few days later when the carpet needed vacuuming. I took out the sweeper, put the plug in the socket, stepped on the starter and pushed the brush across the rug. Serendipity! The whole room began to smell like mothballs! Those crystals in the sweeper bag were filling the air with their fragrance making the room seem twice as fresh and clean as it really was.

"Hmmmmmm," I mused, "wonder if my work for the Lord has an equally delightful fragrance? Do those about me smell 'a sweet savour of Christ . . . the savour of life unto life' as they watch me serve Him (see 2 Cor. 4:15-16)? When the wind of His Spirit blows through my life, do the spices flow out like those in the garden of Song of Solomon (see S. of Sol. 4:16)?"

No one has ever told me that they do (or do not), but I certainly pray that they do. In fact, "Lord, I'm asking it even now . . . that this sweeper of Yours may not only do what it was ordained to do, but do it refreshingly so—with heavenly fragrance."

Could you be a source of encouragement to the readers of "Homespun"? Share with other Christians the way in which the Lord has enriched your life through everyday occurrences. Send each article of 200-250 words to Mrs. Linda Hoke, Route 1, Hickory Estates, Warsaw, Indiana 46580.



Missionary Biography—

Barbara Hulse

Greetings from Uberlandia in Brazil. I am Barbara Hulse, one of the birthday missionaries for the WMC year, 1980-81. Most of you are aware that the Brethren work in South Brazil just celebrated its fifth birthday. My co-workers, the Tim Farners, and the Norm Johnsons, and I are leaning something about patience, prayer, and persistence, as we seek to be instruments that Christ can use to build His Church. My responsibilities are threefold.

I care for mission finances—changing dollars to cruzeiros, paying bills and doing the bookkeeping. As an office worker I do mimeographing, and filing, maintain a library of Christian books in Portuguese and other odds and ends. Both the financial and office tasks are sort of necessary evils of missionary work, but I am glad to do them so that we can all be here for church-planting ministry.

That is the third and most important area of my responsibilities.

We've found the Brazilians are very friendly people and it is acceptable in their culture just to drop in for a visit in the afternoon or evening. I make most of my

visits in the afternoon. Friendships that develop from the visits eventually present opportunities to share the Gospel and from there, quite a few individual Bible studies have developed.

Some of these are now becoming small group Bible studies as Brazilians desire to share the good news with others.

The next step is to involve these people in the Sunday Bible study with classes for five different age levels. This group will eventually develop into an organized church.

Fashions and styles are just the same as you use in the United States. In fact, I would guess that they get here first and become widespread more rapidly than in the States. I've noticed one beauty custom that gets a big emphasis here—that's nails—fingernails and toenails. Nearly every woman either goes to a beauty shop or pays a girl to come to her home each week to do a manicure and pedicure, including polish.

Customs vary, but people are people everywhere, and when some come to know the Lord they begin to get concerned for others.

It was because of Lazinha and Luzia's concern for their mother

that I began to visit 82-year-old Bertolino. She is still bothered by the fact that she never learned to read. First, she thought she could not understand the Bible since she couldn't read. But with several months of regular visits, always reading and explaining the Word, Bertolino eventually realized that she was understanding and she joyfully put her trust in Christ as Saviour. That was the latter part of 1979. In March of 1980, she suffered a mild stroke. How glad we all were to have assurance of her salvation. An amusing side of this story is that when she was the sickest, she fumed and fussed until her granddaughter came to the hospital and changed the polish on her nails. She didn't want to die with that bright red polish on so it was removed and replaced with a soft pink. Bertolino is making a fair recovery, but the incident was enough to cause me to reflect again on the Lord's goodness and to be very grateful for all of you who so faithfully support me with your finances and prayers so that I can share God's Word with people here in Brazil. The Lord is an excellent bookkeeper and He will see that you get your reward in heaven.



MISSION STUDY PICTURE

Left: Luzia. Right: Lazinha



by Miriam Pacheco
National WMC
President

WMC President's Message Part Two

It's my desire that every Grace Brethren woman will demonstrate the Spirit-fruits. Remember the beautiful blue-sky summer days when the fluffy clouds seem as though you could reach up and touch them. Our lives should be so dominated by the fruits of the Spirit that others will think they can reach out and pick them!

I challenge you in this new year to mark your chart consistently upward. Use time wisely. Study diligently. Pray fervently. Work productively. Live godly.

As members of the Grace Brethren Fellowship we have tremendous responsibilities the Lord has graciously given. We have received much from Him, so He requires much in return.

My burden for our mission program is great. Nobody else but Grace Brethren churches support our missionaries, and the program certainly can't run itself. Our vision is sometimes made nearsighted by our materialistic society.

Think about the two well-stocked freezers, triple car garages with every slot filled, closets jammed with three wardrobes (one for every 10 pound variance),

grocery bills loaded with expensive convenience foods and variety that is oftentimes frustrating.

Think about eating out three or four times a week, a collection of boats and TVs, annual car trade-ins, snowmobiles, golfing dates, bowling leagues, one more silk flower arrangement, redecorating because—well, it has been five years!

I'm not judging you. I don't know your situation and I've had to search my own heart and priorities in this same manner. But let's decide, is it *really* necessary? Would this dollar buy a book for an African pastor? Would the price of this dress encourage a missionary if it had been instead bought and mailed an "I care" package? Would the money I'm saving for that special heart's-desire-but-unnecessary item, send a Brazilian student through Bible institute?

Thousands of dollars were raised last year at national conference. I don't know who gave or why they gave. But I'm sure the majority of people in those sessions had known about the needs months before we met in St. Petersburg, Florida. Why do we have to be pressured? Let's be sensitive immediately to the needs of opportunities that God opens for us.

You are to be commended for your faithful prayer support and giving to the Foreign Missions program.

Praise the Lord!

**Our national offering for the
new residence exceeded the goal.
However . . .**

... administrators at Foreign Missions are in a dilemma about finances for the needed facility. The money just has not come in. Their board has set a limit on funds needed before construction can begin. No funds means no progress.

In the meantime, where do you house missionaries on furlough, candidates in training school and in seminars? You spend money to rent rooms and apartments. Some think there is a lack of hospitality on the part of local residents, and perhaps more could be done in that way.

But consider it from the missionaries' point of view. Would you like being a full-time guest for three weeks, six months or a year?

The other part of this dilemma is that Foreign Missions wants to do nothing that would take away support from on-the-field needs. Their priorities are in order.

So keep praying, giving and encouraging others to do the same. Whether or not one agrees with that board construction fund limit, now is the time to practice biblical cheerful and generous giving.

Working with Home Missions has always been a joy of WMC. Let's do all we can for beginning churches and those established ones that are struggling.

SMM girls are our daughters, so let's be good mothers. Our national offering again fell short of the goal. While finances are not the only support we give SMM, it is the most easily measured. I pray that the trend in this offering is not the indicator of the support on the local and district levels.

**SMM girls are future
WMC leaders, pastor's wives
and missionaries. Let's use
every opportunity to help them
grow and mature in the Lord.**

There is much to be done in our local congregations to reach our communities. Does your council have an outreach ministry? A luncheon, a neighborhood Bible study, or a mother's club are just a few ways that others can be loved into the family of God.

I would give you one word of challenge. "Parachurch" organizations have a real ministry and offer very attractive programs. There's a certain amount of glamour in being involved in something that is nationally recognized, getting all wrapped up in going to every retreat and seminar. But please be careful in your involvement, that your service and effectiveness in your local church is not hindered.

There may be changes ahead for your local councils, district groups or our national organization. A sign near our home displayed this thought, "All change is not growth; just as all movement is not forward." Well said. Helpful change should produce growth. Let's be discerning and open to the Lord's

leading where change is concerned. It should not frighten us. But then it should not consume us either. It should help us define our goals and direction. It should promote greater effectiveness in our purpose and service.

There have been many contributors to the work of WMC this past year.

Officers on national, district, and local levels have given much time and effort.

Pastors and leaders in our Fellowship have given support and encouragement.

Many of you have written to tell me of your prayers.

Committees have functioned with enthusiasm and diligence.

I thank all of you and in that thanks I give praise to God.

I also want to express my appreciation and thanks to my family. They have worked, encouraged, and supported me in every possible way. One day, when the kids understood I needed to concentrate on WMC responsibilities, David, who is seven, showed his understanding of the situation. On the phone with Grandma, he explained that he didn't want to bother me because "she's at her writing."

An extra big verbal hug goes to my husband who helps clear my thinking and is willing to help in any way at any time. On the plane in Florida, I was chatting with a French lady visiting America. As the conversation turned to my reason for being there, she asked if my mother lived close to us. I said, "Yes, and she is a great help to me. But my husband can wash, cook and take care of the kids and the house."

In her charming accent she exclaimed with wide eyes, "Ooooooh your husband. He is wonderful!" I had to agree with her.

Let's fill our new year's chart with lines of praise.

**Whether in fellowship, praying,
caring, studying, giving —
whatever is our opportunity —
let's do it with praise
while seeking His wisdom.**



Grace

News Notes

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL INSTITUTES

The tenth National Institute of Christian School Administration held on the Grace campus this summer had as participants 266 administrators, board

members and development directors from 38 states, 4 provinces of Canada, and 9 foreign countries. The institute offered a program of workshops and in-service training for principals, board members and development directors of Christian elementary and secondary schools with the faculty of 26 conducting a total of 145 sessions.

There were 135 teachers from 24 states, 1 province of Canada, and 5 foreign countries in attendance for the second National Institute for Christian School Teachers also held on the Grace campus. A faculty of 14 Christian school administrators and educators from across the United States conducted 81 workshops and in-service training sessions from Monday morning through Friday noon.

Dr. Roy W. Lowrie, Jr., Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, president of the Association of Christian Schools International, is the director of the institutes. Dr. E. William Male is the host for the two institutes sponsored by the Grace Theological Seminary.

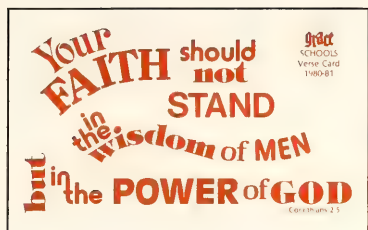


TWO DAYS OF "COLLEGE FOR A DAY"

The Grace College Admissions Office will sponsor two days of "College for a Day" in November of 1980. The two Saturdays, November 1 and 22, are designed for all high school juniors, seniors and graduates who are looking for a Christ-centered college.

"College for a Day" will provide visitors with a delightful Saturday on the Grace campus. Music presentations and athletic competition will balance out a survey of Grace's academic life. Members of the Grace faculty will make interesting presentations which will display the broad scope of course offerings at the college.

Other topics to be discussed during "College for a Day" include: the philosophy of Grace, admission requirements, costs and financial aid. For complete details on "College for a Day," write to Ron Henry, Director of Admissions, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, or call him at 219/267-8191 (ext. 139).



FISCAL YEAR ENDS IN BLACK

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., reports that the pre-audit report for Grace Schools for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1980, indicates that the books were closed with a small surplus of \$7,508. With total expenditures for the year amounting to \$4,461,155, this surplus represented a margin of slightly more than one-half day's operation for the fiscal year.

PROFESSOR MYERS DIES

Stanley E. Myers, associate professor of business at Grace College since 1975, entered the presence of the Lord soon after suffering a heart attack at the Science Building on July 18. In spite of strenuous efforts to revive him, he was with the Lord before reaching the hospital. He leaves his widow, Helen, and six children, of whom five are still at home.

NEW DIMENSIONS IN BRASS DIRECTOR

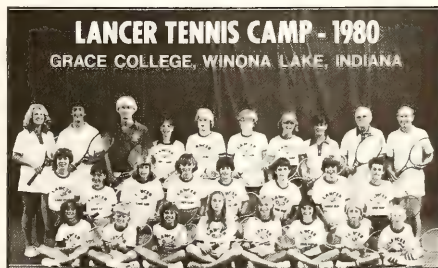
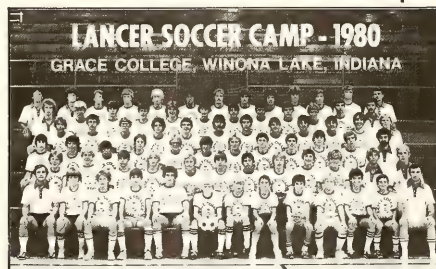
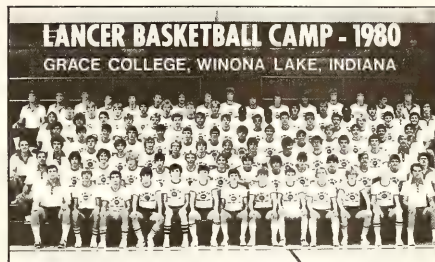
Dennis Herrick has joined the Grace College faculty for the 1980-81 school year as assistant professor of music. Mr. Herrick holds the bachelor's degree from Eastman School of Music and is currently a doctoral candidate at North Texas State University where he also received the master's degree.

His professional experience includes service as band director at the Christian Academy in Tokyo, Japan (under Far Eastern Gospel Crusade), principal trumpeter in the Wichita Falls Symphony and teaching fellow in brass at North Texas State. He has also published two books on the trumpet.

Mr. Herrick will be the director of the new Dimensions in Brass.

SUMMER CAMPS SUCCESSFUL

Lancer basketball, baseball, soccer, a tennis and cheerleader camps held on campus this summer were very successful. Basketball, directed by James Kessler, had all the weeks filled but one. The six new tennis courts were used for the first time and Don R. J. Cramer reports three camps were held. The first baseball camp with Tom Roy on the mound was small but successful. Dave Diehl had a record enrollment in the soccer camp. Vonnice Messner had some 200 in the Christian Cheerleaders camp. Total enrollment for all camps was 825.



Christian Workers conference

**Now, pertinent issues that affect
you and your church are
explained from a
biblical perspective.**

Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana, offers you a one day seminar that will equip you to be more effective in dealing with these areas of concern.

Two tracks will be available. You have the opportunity to choose the track that will meet your particular needs and attend sessions all day. Both tracks run simultaneously. The notes for the track you do not attend are included in the seminar notebook.

Plan now to attend!

See dates below.



**TRACK ONE:
Dr. Charles Smith**

What the Bible says about. Homosexuality, Abortion, Women in the Church, The Charismatic Movement and Genetic Engineering.

Dr. Smith received his B.A. degree from Bryan College, his Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary and his Th.D. from Grace Theological Seminary.

He has written three books and several pamphlets along with many magazine articles. Dr. Smith is a favorite speaker throughout the country.

He serves as the Director of Admissions and Professor of Theology and New Testament Greek at Grace Theological Seminary.



**TRACK TWO:
Rev. Gerald Twombly**

A serious look at the process of Maturity, Decision making, coping with trials, age, temperament, and developing a vision for your life.

Rev. Twombly has a B.A. from Miami Christian College and M.Div. from Grace Theological Seminary. He has authored two books and several booklets, as well as written many articles for major magazines and is a frequent speaker at Bible conferences.

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- a meal at the host hotel.
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- additional special offers available only to conference participants.

Tracks will begin at 10:00 am and will end at 5:00 pm

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Guy Estep
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Brethren Boys' "High Adventure," June 22 through 27, "will be a time and an experience not soon forgotten!" This is the report from many of the 23 mature and young men who joined in this year for a leadership training-backpacking hike from Pennsylvania, across Maryland, crossing the Potomac River into Virginia, and then finally crossing the Shenandoah River into Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

The group (composed of men from Flora, Ind.; Hagerstown, Md.; Vicksburg and Wrightsville, Pa.; Orlando, Fla.; and East Columbus, Ohio) met at the home of Jack Cline (former director of Grace Brethren Boys) near Hagerstown, Maryland, and used his farm to camp on the first evening. Plans were then finalized for leaving the next morning from Pen Mar, Pennsylvania. A good time of meeting old and new friends was enjoyed before the start of the hike on the Appalachian Trail.

At breakfast on Monday morning Mike Ostrander, director of Grace Brethren Boys, shared his morning devotional plans for the week. The group divided into twos—with a man and a teen pairing off. Each day each team would spend time together talking about a Bible character and the leadership traits that the leader showed in his life.

The hike the first day was filled with plenty of physical challenge as the group climbed over high rocks and several steep cliffs. Arriving at Warner Gap, they spent the night by a beautiful nice cool stream and fresh spring.

Jack Cline and Bill Weaver of Hagerstown, Maryland, joined the group each evening to share with the hikers. Ed Jackson, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Orlando, Florida, also shared in the evening devotionals and spoke on the qualities of a leader. He was a real "spark-plug" in the program and had a major input into it.

Devotionals for the remainder of the week focused on the leadership development of the group. Topics discussed were endurance, acceptance and responsibility, loyalty and love, flexibility and dedication, and commitment. On Thursday evening, 15 decisions were made for the Lord.

During the 50-mile hike through 4 states, many scenic wonders and historical sites along the Appalachian Trail were seen, such as Black Rock and Annapolis Rock lookouts; the first monument erected to George Washington, which is in Boonsboro, Maryland; Gathland and the War Correspondent's Arch and museum; and Weaverton Cliffs.

The time was reported by Don Taylor, pastor of the Flora, Indiana, Grace Brethren Church, as "a week unequalled in cooperation, love, and fellowship. New friendships were made and old ones renewed. Only eternity will reveal what God accomplished in hearts this week."

Harold Stayer of Flora, Indiana, spearheaded this year's "High Adventure" and spent many hours planning and preparing for every segment of the trip. Special thanks for the week's success goes to him.



National Layman's Sunday



SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DAY

For Layman's Sunday, please try and use some of the following ideas as areas of ministry. Have men lead in prayer, read Scripture, ushering, special testimonies, preaching, special music, boy's work sharing by boys and leaders, and sharing local men's group projects and activities.

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FINANCIAL GOAL—A goal of \$4,500 has been set for Layman's Sunday. There is an urgent need for this money to be used by the director of Grace Brethren Boys for housing. The board of directors approved this at conference. A suggested amount to meet this goal is 50¢ per man across the Fellowship. Our prayer is that this goal will be met. The funds for this project only should be sent to Mr. Roger Hancock at R. R. 5, Touby Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44903.

ACROSS

1. Son of God
6. Man Christ raised (John 11:43)
8. Hosea's wife (Hosea 1:3)
9. Obese (Ps. 119:70)
11. Interjection (Job 39:25)
12. To increase
13. Level (Joshua 6:5)
15. To direct
16. Drink slowly
17. Ezraite wisemen (1 Kings 4:31)
18. Tree of Lebanon (1 Kings 5:6)
19. Everlasting
22. An article
23. Cry of Desperation (Joshua 7:7)
24. He went to heaven alive (Gen. 5:22)
25. Kind (Ps. 17:7)
27. Same as 22 across

28. What you see with (Rev. 1:7)
29. To make low (Job 40:11)

32. Location (Matt. 5:14)
33. Kind of tree (Hosea 4:13)
34. Rather (Dan. 3:19)
35. Leave out (Matt. 23:23)

36. Conjunction (Matt. 5:17)
37. Cluster of stars (Job 9:9)

40. Son of Shema (1 Chron. 2:44)

42. Part of a bridle (Ps. 32:9)

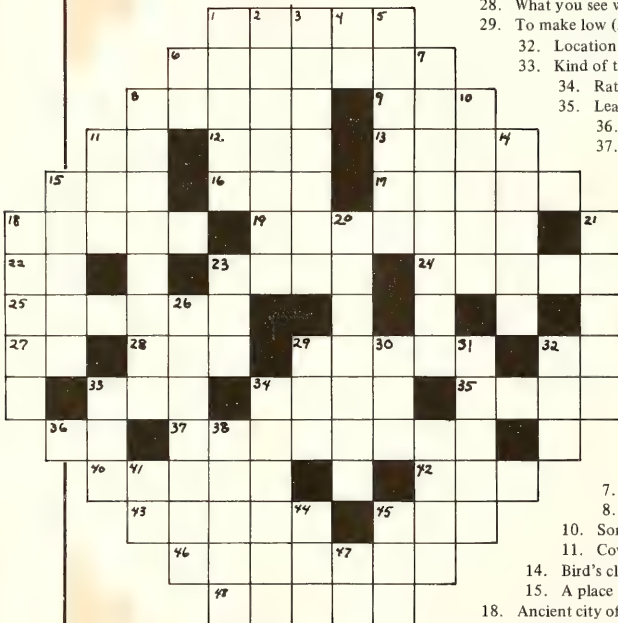
43. Wilderness station (Num. 33:27)

45. Number of virgins (Matt. 25:1)

46. Member of U.S. Congress

48. Son of Canaan (Gen. 10:15)

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DOWN

1. John's brother (Matt. 4:4)
2. A prophet (Ezek. 1:3)
3. A city near Tyre (Luke 4:26)
4. Abraham's home city (Gen. 11:31)

5. Endure pain (Matt. 16:21)

6. See or behold (Matt. 2:9)

7. Flavor or influence (Mark 9:50)

8. Celebrated teacher (Acts 5:34)

10. Son of Ephraim (Num. 26:35)

11. Covered up (Luke 8:47)

14. Bird's claw

15. A place near Salim (John 3:23)

18. Ancient city of Assyria (Gen. 10:11)

20. Fourth son of Saul (1 Chron. 8:33)

21. Religious song (Amos 6:5)

23. Grow old (Gen. 24:1)

26. A Colossian believer (Col. 4:15)

29. Son of Abdiel (1 Chron. 5:15)

30. Conjunction

31. Rose red dye

32. Anointing substance (Exod. 25:6)

33. Go astray (Isa. 3:12)

34. Husham's home land (Gen. 36:34)

38. Household gods

39. Grandson of Shem (Gen. 10:2)

41. Near

44. Owned

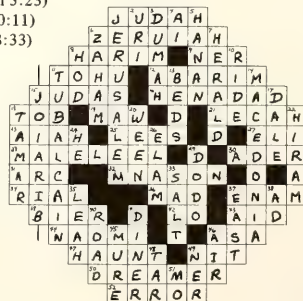
45. Unit of weight

47. Preposition expressing direction

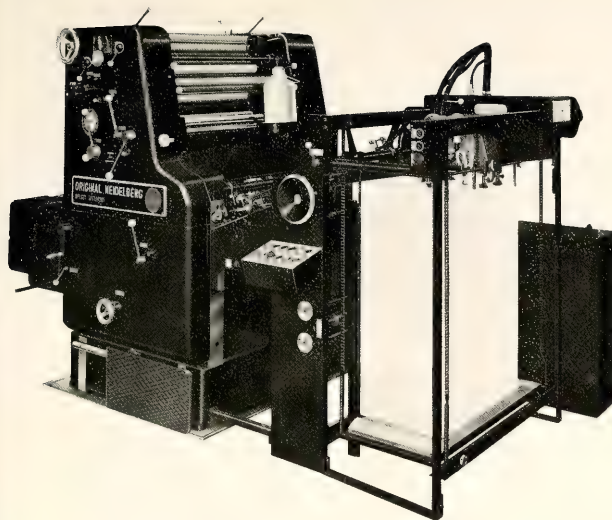
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This is the first presidential election where all the main candidates claim to be "born-again." You can vote for a "born-again democrat"; a "born-again republican"; or a "born-again independent." This seems to prove that it is great to be "born-again" and living in the United States in 1980. It would be nice to see some results of all these claims of righteousness begin to change the moral tone of the nation! (Keep praying!)

Recommended reading on the subject of Christian day schools is a recent article in the September issue of Eternity. The article "How to Grade a Christian School" may not be totally to your liking, but it is very thoughtfully prepared. Another article of interest in the same issue of this magazine is "What's a Fair Pay for Pastors?"

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“To Whom Much Is Given”

MODERATOR’S ADDRESS

REV. JESSE B. DELOE

In March of 1978 I received a letter from the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches moderator, Pastor Jim Custer. He was inquiring of the several district moderators about their impressions of the Fellowship, so he would have their input in preparing his moderator's address for the national conference. Question number eight was a "complete the statement" sort of thing. It said: "If I were elected moderator, I would . . ." I shared the questionnaire with others in my office, and one of the men wrote "I'd faint!" Well, last year, I didn't faint at the election, but you may recall that the vote was taken and announced on Tuesday of conference week. On Wednesday, the day off for sightseeing and fun in the sun, I was sick in bed with a migraine headache. On one day I was honored as probably I shall never be again; the next day I was brought very low!

My response to Jim's question, though, more than two years ago, was "If I were elected moderator, I would endeavor to encourage a greater sense of loyalty to the FGBC and its affiliated organizations." I had forgotten that response until I began preparations for this message. Nonetheless, that shall be my purpose today.

Part One—Development of the Theme

A. "To Whom Much Is Given," Luke 12:48

1. The couplet completed: "Much Is Required"

The conference theme, as you see, is a brief phrase, — almost a rhetorical one, from Luke 12:48. It comes from a parable. The statement is: "To whom much is given." The couplet is completed with the words "much is required." Upon returning from Florida last August, immediately after the theme was chosen for this year's conference, I was interested to see a letter from Billy Graham come through our office

in which he said: "The Gospel has been proclaimed more extensively throughout America than probably any country in history. And Jesus warned, 'To whom much is given, of him much shall be required.'"

The Brethren Church has had unusual blessing from God; our history is unique, our biblical foundation is unsurpassed, our distinctives are meaningful and significant, and our personnel have been among God's choicest servants. Having said that, Brethren, I merely quote the theme again: "To whom much is given . . ."

2. The context explained

In Luke 12 Jesus is using parables to teach about preparedness for His second coming. That's the context for the phrase which is our theme this week. The apparent delay in the Lord's coming must not lull us to sleep. How easy it is to settle down in this world, although we are citizens of another. We are not like the scoffers of 2 Peter 3 who are willfully ignorant concerning the promises of God; but we may be just as guilty of denying His coming by failing to live in light of it. We know the Master's plan, we know that this present world will be dissolved in fire, we know we are to live and work in the reality of His soon appearing. How happy, if we resist the constant temptation to build our lives on temporal things rather than on His coming!

By the way, there's another little "stinger" in the theme. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 4:7 that all we have received from God's hand: "what do you have that you did not receive?" he asks. It's not, "Of him to whom much belongs," or "From him who's earned much," but "To whom much is given, much is required."

3. The theme developed

That reference in 1 Corinthians is in the text for this week's Bible messages. Each of the Bible hour speakers will touch upon

some portion of verses 1-13 in chapter 4. Our Vice Moderator Knute Larson will speak on the "Requirement Seat — the Judgment of the Believer"; that's Tuesday morning. That evening Ward Miller will discuss the "Servant's Requirement for a Clear Conscience." Russ Ogden, Wednesday morning will consider the "Requirement of Unity and Love," and John Gillis, Wednesday night will expound on the "Requirement of Gratitude." The final regular theme message will be brought by Tom Julien on Thursday morning under the subject, the "Requirement of Missions."

These messages, centered on this passage of Scripture, have to do with the requirements for servants. As an introduction to those themes, look with me at a few elements of the text. Paul is claiming his authority as an apostle, but at the same time portrays himself as a common servant of Jesus Christ. Such are we all — not apostles, but servants.

B. The Christian's Ministry,

1 Corinthians 4: 1-2

1. Servants of Christ

Notice in verse 1 the word "servants." It is not one of the more frequently used terms in the original. Here it is "under-rowers" or "attendants." In light of the former meaning, one writer has suggested that Christians are under-rowers of Christ who calls the stroke. Think of the boat races on the river with one man calling the stroke and all the members of the team voluntarily disciplining themselves to row in perfect rhythm with the stroke called. Then you will understand the force of this figure.

Dr. Boyer suggests that "the word lost entirely its reference to the sea and ships and became a general term for any subordinate, an under-officer, an assistant, a helper. Its counterpart in modern life would perhaps be a senate page, an office boy, or a presidential advisor, or an assistant to a pastor. The great apostle is making notes of his role as an assistant to Christ, His Master. The use of the term makes it especially clear," Dr. Boyer notes, "that he was thinking here of the personal responsibility of the minister to

Christ and to Christ alone." Note, it is "servants of Christ."

2. Stewards of the Gospel

A second term is used in verse 1 to describe these servants; they are also called "stewards." A steward is an administrator of someone else's property; he's a trustee or manager. Peter writes in 1 Peter 4:10 that we are all "stewards of the manifold grace of God." Dr. Jobson wrote of the steward that "He is the one who has been given the finances, tools, property, and helpers necessary in order to produce that which the owner desires. It is his job to use these things to accomplish the master's will. That is the position God has given the Christian worker in the body of Christ."

One other expression in verse 1 catches our attention. We are "servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." What are these mysteries? Dr. Boyer comes to our aid again by suggesting that the work denotes something which can be known only by revelation. It is not something that can be figured out by reason. It must be told. Christ's servants have been entrusted with a treasure of great truths, previously not known to men but now made known in the gospel. It is their responsibility to administer these treasures according to the instructions and the will of their giver, God." The mysteries are simply the basic truths of the Gospel.

And that Gospel has been entrusted to us, beloved. We are the ministers of reconciliation. TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN . . .

3. Requirement: faithfulness

One final element in our brief survey of this passage. Verse 2 suggests the one, overall, essential quality, characteristic, or requirement for a steward: faithfulness or trustworthiness. It's not mere profession of faith that Paul has in mind; it's not simply that the steward is "of the faith," a member of the household of faith. It's the evidence of that faith, it's the outworking of it; it's the manifestation of loyalty to the Master, obedience to the Lord, careful, continual, persistence in the management of what has been committed to him, including, I might suggest, the exercise of his spiritual gifts.

Now, Brethren, there you have the substance of what I want to enlarge upon this morning. We as a Fellowship of churches, and we as individuals who name the name of Christ, we are servants, assistants to the Master, responsible only to Him. We are stewards, managers for the Master; managers of gifts and properties and especially the Gospel which have been committed to us. We are to be trustworthy, faithful in assisting, managing, serving!

Part Two—Observations of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

The terrible temptation for a moderator is to vent his spleen about the personal opinions he has about everything — the way he views the FGBC with his own prejudices, likes and dislikes, and so forth. I've tried not to yield to that temptation, and I beg your indulgence, if it appears that I've slipped. For I want to make some observations about our Fellowship and its involvements.

A. The Fellowship and the Word — doctrinal matters

First of all, in the area of doctrinal matters, we have prided ourselves in our fundamentalism, our adherence to the Word of God. May it always be so — not our pride, but our loyalty to God's Word!

1. The pre-tribulation rapture

Perhaps the doctrinal controversy which is most prominent just now is the question of the time of the rapture of the church. There can be no denying, I think, that the pre-tribulation rapture has been the majority position of our people for decades. While it has been somewhat disconcerting to have the props knocked out from under us by the current refutation of some of the arguments we've used to support our position, perhaps it has been a blessing of God, because we've had to rethink our theory, study the Scriptures more carefully; and the result that is appearing is a more solid, more scriptural doctrine.

Two doctoral dissertations now being finalized at Grace Seminary deal very carefully with this subject. Professor Richard Mayhue's work on the Day of the Lord includes a chapter — the substance

of which you can find in a BMH discussion series pamphlet entitled "Snatched Before the Storm" — which lays a foundation of truth upon which a strong case for pre-tribulationism can be built. I understand that Professor John Sproule's doctoral work will build that case.

One might ask, "How important is it that I cross my 't's' and dot my 'i's' so carefully in this matter of the rapture? Whenever it occurs, I'm a believer and I'll be caught up to be with the Lord. If I'm wrong about the time, what difference does it make?" Well, rest assured, brother, your eternal destiny does not depend upon your view of the rapture in relation to the tribulation; that's already settled by your relationship to God through Jesus Christ as you trusted in His finished work on Calvary by faith. But, your doctrinal integrity is at stake. Truth is truth, and it does matter to God. Furthermore, there are some practical implications.

The post-tribulation rapture theory focuses attention on the wrong object — not on the coming again of Christ but on the believer and his readiness for the awful tribulation. It causes one to look inwardly and selfishly upon his preparations for trouble rather than on a lost world needing Christ. He begins to build fortresses, furnish caves, stockpile weapons and foodstuffs. He thus starts to focus attention on self-preservation instead of ministry.

2. The Statement of Faith

The Southern Ohio District recognized another doctrinal problem within their Fellowship of churches which, I'm afraid, is true of all our districts. Their resolutions committee reported that the Statement of Faith of the FGBC can be a great help in facing today's problems and in meeting today's challenges but, and I quote, "we feel that too little concern has been exercised to see that our people become knowledgeable individually of this document."

Brethren, our people too often do not know what we believe and why! In spite of many outstanding preachers, much improved resource materials, and an excellent Statement of Faith, there is a shallowness about our doctrinal

understanding among our people. It's evidenced by the tendency to follow trends and personalities, the appetite for the flood of books on self-improvement, self-counseling, self-study, and so forth, *ad infinitum* and *ad nauseum*. Paul says we should "no longer be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:14-15).

Of course, it's not the statement of faith that people need to know — it's the Bible! The Statement provides a summary, a bare outline of essentials, that can well provide a basis for curriculum in the study of the Word, but let's teach the Word! Let's be done with fad subjects, scintillating titles, "keep up with the world" entertainment shows. Preach the Word! Preach the Word! Preach the Word!

3. The sanctity of life

A final doctrinal matter. The North-central Ohio District has done an excellent piece of work on the Sanctity of Life issue. That district, and Pastor John Teevan in particular, are to be commended for bringing this forcefully to our attention. In the July issue of *The Brethren Missionary Herald*, you will find John's article on this subject. At the first available time in the business sessions of this conference, a report will be presented from the Northcentral Ohio District, recommending that a clear statement on the sanctity of life be added to our FGBC Statement of Faith, I urge your careful consideration of this recommendation and the adoption of it. Too long we've voiced individual statements on the subject; too weak has been our cry against abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and genocide! Now is the time to go on record unitedly, clearly stating what we believe the Bible to teach in these areas.

A postscript about the Statement of Faith: did you know that, by oversight, no doubt, the FGBC Statement of Faith does not appear in our Constitution and Manual of Procedure? Everyone has assumed, I'm sure, that it is included. The conference has adopted the statement, and it is,

therefore, the official statement of our Fellowship. In order to elevate it to the place where it belongs and to protect it against capricious change (now it can be changed by a simple majority vote without prior notice), I urge you to accept the recommendation to be presented by the Special Study Committee this week to amend our constitution to include the Statement of Faith.

B. The Fellowship and Its Own World—internal matters

1. An assessment

a. Strengths

You've all seen the commercial that says "I'm bullish about America." Now, I know so little about the stock market, that I'm not sure what that means, but I kind of like the sound of it, and I'm bullish about the Grace Brethren Church. I'm grateful for what we've been and are. Roger Wambold, in his address to the Northern Atlantic District Conference, summarized the strengths of that Conference and FGBC, by extension, as follows;

1. People—a unique mixture of urban and rural; battle-scarred and innocent; that is, those who've battled against liberalism, finally leaving their churches to join us; and those who grew up in Brethrenism. A broad spectrum of ages. One of the greatest strengths of this district is its constituency. I love Brethren people!

2. Position—strong, clear, unmistakable. Our distinctives are not a weakness as is sometimes implied.

3. Principles—our principle of operation as a district, particularly the autonomy of local churches within a fellowship; this is what makes us tick.

4. Program—fantastic! It's total and it's good.

b. Weaknesses

Now, that's not to say that we don't have weaknesses there are weaknesses in the Brethren Church. One of them is also one of our strengths—local church autonomy. Because the local church is sovereign, under God, any cooperation between churches tends to be inefficient. For example, 14 sovereign, autonomous churches did not submit a report to the statistician this year, and no one can force

them to do it! Some pastors, believe it or not, are very tardy in answering their mail, in fact, one, I'm told, opens his mail only once a month, and no one can make those pastors respond to inquiries, or cooperate with national organizations, district activities, and so forth. Such weakness, by the way, is inherent in fellowships like ours; it makes the national or district organization impotent to inaugurate and follow through on programs of mutual benefit without costly and undue delays in trying to get agreement from all sectors.

A far more important weakness, however, and one that ought to concern us and cause us to pray for revival is what one pastor called "a lack of a sense of emergency. It is too much 'business as usual' in the Brethren Church. Our world is collapsing around us, and we seem to have such little concern." Perhaps that's because of another weakness this same pastor mentioned: "A dwindling interest in prayer." He asks, "Where is the 'oil' and the power to make the machinery go?"

In a recent survey of one of the large well-known theological colleges here in the United States, 93 per cent of the students studying for the ministry said "I have no devotional life." At St. Petersburg, Florida, last August I quoted another survey that revealed that the average pastor prayed just three minutes a day. I heard the midweek service referred to in various terms as "the Hour of Power," the "most important service of the week," and so forth. But it's the only service in which attendance is falling in many of our churches. It isn't always because people are not interested in prayer. It may sometimes be because the midweek meeting is not geared to effectual prayer; or it's not meeting peoples' needs. I've sat in a lot of prayer meetings that were little different from a Bible class, good as that may be; often they are just like any other service of the week; there is no real emphasis on prayer and, when there is, it's most frequently about John's broken leg, or Grandma's upcoming surgery, or the needed funds for repairing the Sunday school bus. Now, all of these are legitimate matters for prayer; but where is the

prayer of worship, kneeling in adulation of an awesome God? Where is the prayer of contrition, the heartfelt confession of sin and seeking of revival? Where is the intercession over the spiritual needs of people, a crying for the lostness of mankind, a wrestling in the battle against "the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12)?

I encourage pastors and church leaders to examine their prayer meetings in particular and their whole church program to evaluate the opportunities provided for meaningful prayer. Maybe, we need to take the midweek program to the people, providing Bible study and prayer meetings in the homes where they are in the middle of the week. There is nothing particularly biblical about a Wednesday or Thursday night service in a building labeled "Grace Brethren Church"; but there is something biblical, and wonderfully helpful, about people gathering in homes, or elsewhere, for study, edification, and intercession.

To provide a mechanism for prayer emphasis in our churches, I would like to encourage our pastors to revive or revitalize the monthly "Day of Prayer" on their church calendar of activities. Some churches or WMCs are still observing the fifteenth of each month as a day of prayer for Brethren ministries. Many will not know this day began on the mission field where missionaries felt the need for concentrated and regular prayer for their work, and for the Brethren Churches as a whole. It spread to the U.S. and for many years was a regular feature in many churches. But, alas, like so many common or regularly scheduled things, it fell into disuse or its focus became so wide that it appeared to be ineffective. In the crisis that our ministries are now facing with the potential strangling effects of cut-backs and curtailments because of the lack of adequate finances, we must get on our knees and implore the Almighty Lord of Hosts to pour out His blessing and hold back the enemy's attacks. Brethren, let us pray!

A final weakness relates directly to the

moderator's appeal last year. You will recall that he challenged us to 10 per cent growth during the next year. Of course, the 1979 report will not reflect that challenge, because the year was more than half over when it was given. But, what will 1980 show? The pastor referred to earlier speaks of it this way: "Lack of aggressive growth in so many of our churches. Here in (our district) we've had only a 1 per cent per year growth over the past 20 years. Some of our other districts are equally stagnant. I fear that as a result, one of these days our Fellowship will face its 'moment of truth.' Without a broadening base of support and with rising costs, many of our local churches will be forced to opt for giving to the local work to keep the doors open in preference to outreach ministries. And that will mean difficult financial days ahead for many of our national boards." Ouch! That hurts! But, he's right!

Galen Wiley commented on church growth in his moderator's address to the Northeastern Ohio District Conference: "How in the world do you grow a church? . . . Do you need 7 principles? or is it 10? or 15? . . . and how many diseases really are there lurking in the shadows ready to strike us the moment our guard is down? Now most of these ideas are great . . . But there is an inherent danger in all this—that we will get so pre-occupied with battling all the diseases and analyzing all the charts and precisely applying all the principles that we will somehow forget the one key, foundational principle that makes or breaks the whole process. It's kind of like growing a garden—if you carefully compost, fertilize, plow, disc, rake, hoe, water, weed, spray for bugs, weed, treat the soil, spray for other bugs, water, weed, and labor diligently every day for several months, but forget to plant anything, you won't get a thing, unless a couple of volunteers happen to grow up accidentally from last year."

2. Recommendations

a. Study committee report

Speaking of the Fellowship as an entity, let me share some observations that I hope will be helpful. A special study committee was appointed at last year's conference and charged with the responsibility

of studying the FGBC and its related organizations to determine how effectively we are fulfilling the Great Commission and contributing to church growth. That was the challenge of Dr. Hocking's moderator's address last year, as you will recall. I want to commend the 16 or 17 men who sat on that committee and struggled with different issues for parts of three days. As I suggested in a *Herald* article in June, "the discussions (in those meetings) were frank, forthright, with 'no holds barred,' and, consequently, very helpful." See that article for specifics, but the basic question we asked was: "What in our conference organization contributes to our growth and the fulfilling of the Great Commission and what may hinder these objectives?"

The committee will present a lengthy report to the conference this week with 15 or 16 recommendations. A few are far-reaching and may be perceived by some of the delegates as radical—that is, they may suggest some radical change. May I urge you to set aside preconceived notions about what the committee might suggest? Please, above all else, do not fall into the trap of judging the motives of the committee or its individual members. Without any hesitation, I assure you, as I know these men and observed their deliberations, they all want for the Fellowship what is best—what they believe will honor God most and promote church growth and enable us to be Great Commission people.

Dr. Hocking suggested last year that one of the key hindrances to church growth is inefficient organization. Many of us have been frustrated for years by what we've regarded as wasted time, duplicated efforts, purposeless and meaningless activity, and we welcome the suggestions for change—not for the sake of effective ministry. It's not the Fellowship (that is, the four or five days of conference) that's paramount, it's the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church; it's the 271 local congregations across the land; it's the nearly 500 Grace Brethren churches overseas; it's the ministry!

May I suggest, even at the jeopardy of my job, that it's not the Foreign Mission

Board, the Home Missions Council, the Grace Schools Corporation, (etc., etc.), it's not these great organizations that are important, it's the ministry! It's the preaching of the Word! It's the edifying of saints! It's the evangelizing of the lost! It's the training of Christian workers! The organizations I've mentioned, and the others of our Fellowship, are the means by which local churches can be aided in performing the ministry.

May I illustrate from my own life. In a certain sense, I took a step down when I left the pastorate of a local church in 1975 to assume a position in the administration of Brethren Foreign Missions. In a manner of speaking, I left the front line of the battle to move behind the lines. Do I view this as some kind of promotion to headquarters? A step up in the hierarchy? No, not at all! I gladly and happily take my place where I can serve pastors and churches and people, enabling them, hopefully, to carry on their ministries more effectively. In the sense that this is the place of God for me at the moment, then I've not taken a step down; what's required of me is faithfulness. In no way do I compare to the ministry of Christ, but I do take my motivation from the statement that so characterized His life on earth: "I came not to be ministered unto (or served)" (Matt. 20:28). The Fellowship, its cooperating organizations, all its constituent parts exist for and have their *raison d'être* (reason for being) in serving the churches in their Great Commission ministry.

All of that to say that the delegates should evaluate the recommendations of the study committee solely on the basis of whether or not they will enable the Fellowship more effectively and fruitfully to fulfill our Lord's Commission.

b. Organizational structure

Two years prior to the meeting of the specially-appointed study committee, in response to Moderator Jim Custer's request to complete the statement: "The government of our Fellowship would better serve the local churches if it were changed by . . .," I replied in detail, suggesting greater authority and continuity for the executive committee, the elevating

of the vice moderator's office to moderator-elect, allowing him to accede to the office of moderator, the continuing of the moderator on the executive committee one year following his term, and the establishing of a central, national FGBC office and staff.

Since the study committee's recommendations will include most of these ideas but may not be fully instituted, if even approved, for some time in the future, I would like to make the following recommendations to be considered at this conference:

1. That, beginning with the election at the 1981 conference for 1982 officers, the vice moderator's office be replaced by the office of moderator-elect, he to serve the functions of a vice moderator the year following his election and succeeding to the office of moderator the next year. I have submitted to the Committee on Rules and Organization a proposed amendment to the Manual of Procedure to accomplish this, which may be acted on should this recommendation be included in the moderator's address committee report and adopted by the conference. To the argument that such an action prohibits a conference from choosing its own officers, since the moderator would be elected, in essence, two years in advance, I suggest that every conference uses officers who were elected by a previous conference. The delegates to this 1980 conference had no voice in the choosing of this year's officers unless they were also delegates last year.

In regard to the moderator-elect, I would suggest that nominating committees consider foreign missionary personnel as potential officers. It seems to me that we have missionaries, some present at this very conference, who are qualified and worthy of being moderator. They could be elected to serve as moderator-elect *in absentia* during the year but arrive on furlough in time for conference, remaining for the second conference where they would serve as moderator; they

would be home, then, the entire year of their moderatorship, and, as an extra bonus, would be itinerating among the churches anyway—a privilege that most moderators do not regularly have.

2. I recommend that the conference institute the practice of having the moderator serve as chairman of the executive committee by virtue of his office. There is an unnecessary duplication of responsibilities, or at least an unclear delineation of responsibilities in our present arrangement where the executive committee elects its own chairman, and no one really knows who is responsible for direction of the conference—the moderator, the executive committee chairman, or the conference coordinator.

3. I will leave it to the wisdom of the committee assigned to report on this message as to whether or not the retiring moderator should continue to serve as a member of the executive committee one year following his tenure as moderator. Follow-through on his recommendations would be greatly aided if he were in position to work with the new executive committee. I proposed this idea in the aforementioned letter to Pastor Custer before I was ever in the running for this office, and I think there is some merit to it.

4. The executive committee of conference is often assigned study projects by the conference, yet there is little quality time during conference week to give sufficient consideration to the questions. Research and consultation may be done by correspondence during the year, but it's difficult to reach a consensus without open and full discussion. Therefore, I recommend that conference authorize the executive committee to come to the conference site (just prior to conference) for one day of consultation when needed, the extra day's expenses to be cared for by the conference.

5. The Southern California-Arizona District has faced up to a problem that has been neglected by most of us, I think. That has to do with what I will call "inactive elders," men who have been licensed or ordained to the ministry but who are, for longer or shorter periods of time, not functioning in a church ministry at present for

which either licensure or ordination is necessary. I do not refer here to we who are inactive because of illness or retirement. I recommend that we request the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Ministers to study this area of concern and make appropriate recommendations to the several districts for their consideration.

c. Cooperating organizations

Since I am associated with a cooperating organization of the FGBC, I am aware of their peculiar relationships and operation. I see several desirable improvements, however, and would like to suggest the following:

- 1) That there be a day set aside annually when all employees and available personnel from the national boards in close proximity to Winona Lake, meet for a one-day retreat, featuring inspiration, fellowship, planning, challenge, and prayer.
- 2) That the boards make it a practice to consult the other boards before finalizing board nominations to avoid duplication of membership on the boards.
- 3) I would encourage members who sit on more than one national board to choose only one to serve on, thus avoiding available opportunities for service for other qualified men.
- 4) I would urge consideration by the boards of their cooperation in reviving the Brethren Financial Planning Service, keeping one or two men in the field to counsel regarding wills, estates, and so forth, in the interest of all the boards. This would eliminate the possibility of harmful competition among our churches and people.

Should the report of the committee on the moderator's address so recommend, I would hope that the conference secretary would forward these suggestions to the boards for their consideration and implementation where feasible.

3. Non-Brethren involvements

Let me pass on to you another area of concern which I observe in our Fellowship. I do not intend to be sectarian. I do not believe the Grace Brethren Church is the only church. I do not think that we have a

corner on the market when it comes to wisdom, methodology, genius, financial resources, or anything else. (Although I do reserve the right to think that God has uniquely blessed us with a meaningful history and a significant emphasis on the teaching of the Bible.) Nevertheless, if Brethren people won't be Brethren, who will?

It's a burden to a pastor to discover that some of his people are generously giving of their time, energy, and money to promoting and supporting other churches and their ministries. It appears sometimes that they're being fed and clothed, so to speak, at home, but paying the bill some place else. I think it borders on insult when a parishioner gives to his pastor a stack of Bibles he received because of generous gifts to some other church's ministry and says: "I can't use all these Bibles, perhaps you can find some use for them." The motivation for putting the Bibles to use was good, without doubt, but what a slap in the face to the pastor! For far less money, the same number of Bibles could have been purchased and used in the local area, and the generous outlay of cash could have assisted the local ministry of the church or its own outreach ministry.

I do not know of a single growing Grace Brethren church that does not struggle with finances, that does not need every dollar God sends along, that does not pray for greater resources. The statistician's report will reveal that giving to non-Brethren missions in 1979 totaled more than \$605,000—a 30 percent increase over the previous year (while to all non-local Brethren causes the increase was less than 14½ percent and in 1978 the increase for non-Brethren missions giving was 107 percent)!

As Charles Turner said about 1978: "The fastest growing giving in the Brethren Church is to missions—non-Brethren missions. . . . Keep in mind this is just what is reported—there is much more!"

But, it isn't just the giving. It's a question of loyalty sometimes. It's a question of authority. Milan Yerkovich called it "scattered sheep" in a report I heard him

deliver at a missions conference in Long Beach, California, last winter. He said: "It's a true crisis in authority. Outside teachers cannot serve you, be responsive to you, or responsible to you. You have no one to be responsible to you (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5)."

I ask you, is proper priority being given in your church program, personnel, and finances to the ministries of the FGBC? No one else is building Grace Brethren churches in the U.S. except our local congregations, district missions, and the Home Missions Council; and no one is planting Grace Brethren churches overseas except Brethren Foreign Missions.

C. The Fellowship and the World—external matters

The FGBC does not live unto itself or within itself. We all live in a very real world, and a number of considerations about our place in the world need comment, it seems to me.

1. Politics

This is an election year in the U.S.A. More and more professing evangelicals are becoming involved in politics, and that can be both good and bad. Suffice it to say, that this is an important year, and we should be praying, considering, and voting. Some, undoubtedly, should be actively working for the candidates of their choice and the issues they support. I question, however, the wisdom of the organized church—whether local or national—speaking out publicly on issues that are not clearly supported or opposed by divine revelation. It's one thing to shout out against homosexuality, abortion, adultery, sin of all kinds (including gossip, backbiting, hypocrisy, and other less popular or political sins), we have biblical text for those positions, and the church must speak out. It's quite another thing to take strong public positions on the ERA, pro- or anti-draft legislation, prayer in the schools, bussing, and so forth, where the issues are not always clearly identified and where at least two disastrous results may occur: you may close the door to a gospel witness to those who disagree with you politically in which case it's not the preaching of the cross or the reproach of

Christ that has closed the door, it is political expedience, which may be right but is secondary; or you may be identified with lesser causes than the glory of God and the centrality of Christ and the cross.

The Northeastern Ohio District adopted a resolution which, in part, reads: "As local churches, let us be cautious of over indulgence in political, socio-economic involvement that would cause us to lose our perspective. Morality comes not first by legislation but by the influence of the Holy Spirit through the Word and godly life style of believers. We are the light and salt of the earth (Matt. 5:13-14)."

Moral action committees in the church to give guidance to believers in evaluating issues or candidates is one thing (though volatile); but committees to tell a godless community how it must legislate is quite another. As Martin Lloyd-Jones put it: "You can't Christianize the world. The end time is going to be like the time of the Flood. The condition of the modern world proves that what we must preach more than ever is 'Escape from the wrath to come!' The situation is critical. I believe the Christian people, but not the church, should get involved in politics and social affairs. The . . . task of the church is to save men from the wrath to come by bringing them to Christ. . . . The main function of politics, culture, and all these things is to restrain evil. They can never do an ultimately positive work. . . . The only hope for the world is the return of Christ."

The world situation is in grave difficulty. It's not volcanoes nor earthquakes, nor windstorms that are so devastating. They destroy merely temporal things, material properties. But the philosophies of men, their empty traditions, their deceitful mysticism and asceticism—these imprison the minds of men and lead to spiritual enslavement with eternal consequences.

To quote Northern Atlantic District Moderator Roger Wambold again, the Christian's perspective on the world should be "not too much in it or too much out of it. Let's be clearly different as God's people are supposed to be, but let's stay in touch with what's happening and how people are thinking."

2. Morality

Another matter regarding the church and the world is the influence of the world upon members of the Church of Jesus Christ, and is perhaps no more evident than in our declining standards of morality. Maybe it's because we watch so much television that we've imbibed of the world's morals without realizing it. In the last few months two of our denominational leaders have mentioned in my hearing numbers of cases of immorality or strong temptation to immorality on the part of ministers in our Fellowship! I've not been told names and incidents, thankfully—I don't need that kind of information—but it's a problem that is almost out of control. One pastor is said to have confessed to a layman in his church that, after all, he is only human, and he has a real problem with lust. Unless that problem is nailed to the cross where that pastor's old nature was to be crucified and unless he appropriates the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, he is already lost to any meaningful or lasting spiritual ministry! Brethren, let's not only pray for purity, and that's where it begins, but let's also confess our own sin and inclination to sin and take strong measures to purify our minds and lives.

Paul tells us how to handle our thoughts: "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

We Brethren are strong on the inerrancy of Scripture; we believe that the Bible in its original autographs is without error; but we may be weak on the living-out of the Bible; our lives too often would suggest that, indeed, the Bible is with error. What we need, undoubtedly, is revival. Moderator True Hunt in the Allegheny District reminded the delegates that "human nature looks to an organization for revival, but God Himself looks for Spirit-filled Christians."

Former Moderator Robert Collitt addressed the conference with these words: "God isn't looking for clever people; He's looking for clean people. We're wondering

why God doesn't bend low; He's wondering why we don't break down. Our cry: 'Is everybody happy?' should be: 'Is everybody holy?'"

Martin Lloyd-Jones put it this way: "When things were not going well, the old approach was for ministers and deacons to call a day of fasting and prayer and to plead with God to visit them with power. Today's alternative is an evangelistic campaign. . . . I am convinced that nothing can avail but churches and ministers on their knees in total dependence on God. As long as you go on organizing, people will not fall on their knees and implore God to come and heal them."

I repeat from my conference message last year the prophet's statement: "Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts."

3. Mission

My final observation has to do with the purpose of our Fellowship, and I've alluded to it all through this message. Dr. Breese, who will address this conference on Thursday and Friday, recently made these comments in his *Destiny Bulletin*: "A call for a new world order is being sounded here and there and is even being echoed in some current religious literature. Perceptive Christians, having read the Scriptures, will be aware of popular new slogans like 'The purpose of the church is to transform humanity,' or 'Christians are here to bring peace and justice to mankind.' The world, guilty of the murder of the Prince of Life and condemned already, cannot be transformed, only judged. Salvation is for the individual, not society."

Then, what is our task? As one missionary suggested in a letter to me, "Why has God left the church on the earth?" His answer: "Missions!"

Every church obedient to the New Testament is a missionary church. It is not "interested in" or "doing a lot for" missions, but it *is* a missionary body. Missionary activity is inherent in its reason

for existence. It is charged in Acts 1:8 with evangelizing "*both*" its immediate community "*and*" the uttermost parts of the earth. So long as there is an unevangelized portion of the earth, the responsibility of the local church is not less. The church is left on earth and established for this prime purpose. Every other ministry and function must contribute to this object.

I do not fully subscribe to the oft-quoted statement that "No one should hear the Gospel twice till all have heard it once"; because it is not often on the first hearing that one understands and receives the Gospel. But, there is a principle implied in that quotation which I fear we often overlook. Three-quarters of the population of the world are without a personal, saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. That's approximately three billion people. More than two-thirds of that group are not only outside of Christ, they are outside the *reach* of the existing church. Perhaps two or two and one-half billion people are effectively hidden to the message of the Gospel. How are they to be reached? The answer is simple: Missions! Missions! Missions!

Without neglecting the saints in our churches that need nurture and building up, without ignoring the 150,000 non-evangelicals in the U.S.A. who need to be redeemed from sin, without forsaking the lost within reach of our present nine foreign missions fields, *we must enlarge our vision!* We must dig down a little deeper (learn something about sacrificing, giving, and living!); we must pray a lot more fervently; we must go a lot further and into a wider area. That is what we're here for.

God has blessed us so richly! He has given us so much! And what for? For our enjoyment and enrichment? Yes, surely! For our spiritual edification? Most assuredly. But I leave you to conclude the rhetorical statement of our conference theme: *To Whom Much Is Given . . .*! "And it is required of servants that they be faithful."

Business Sessions

FIRST SESSION, JULY 29:

The moderator, Jesse B. Deloe, called the first business session of the 91st Annual Conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches to order at 8:40 a.m., July 29, 1980. The conference met at Winona Lake, Indiana, July 27–August 1, 1980. Initial reports were made by the Membership Committee which indicated that there were 483 lay delegates and 282 ministerial, for a first day total of 765.

A motion was made and passed that the official list of member churches of the FGBC consist of the churches listed on pages 62-79 of the *1980 Brethren Annual*.

A motion prevailed that we receive into the FGBC the Grace Brethren Church of Riverside, California.

A motion was made and passed that we receive into the FGBC the Grace Brethren Church of Melbourne, Florida.

A motion was passed to receive into the FGBC the Maumee Valley Grace Brethren Church, Toledo, Ohio.

A motion prevailed to receive into the FGBC the Watkins Grace Brethren Church, Marysville, Ohio.

A motion was made and passed that we receive into the FGBC the Grace Brethren Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

A motion prevailed to receive into the FGBC the South Bay Grace Brethren Church, Torrance, California.

A motion was made and passed to receive into the FGBC the Grace Brethren Church, Island Pond, Vermont.

A motion prevailed to receive into the FGBC the Grace Brethren Church of Newark, Delaware.

A motion was made and passed to receive into the FGBC the Sierra View Grace Brethren Church, Placerville, California.

A motion prevailed to receive into the FGBC the Grace Brethren Bible Church of Troutville, Virginia, pending receipt of an official letter of application.

A motion prevailed to seat the delegates from the newly received new churches.

A motion was made and passed that the

new Southwest District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches be recognized by the FGBC.

A motion prevailed that the new Mountain-Plains District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches be recognized by the FGBC.

A motion prevailed that the Southern District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches be recognized by the FGBC.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the proposed agenda.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the Nominating Committee in which the following persons were placed in nomination for the various conference offices:

Moderator: Tom Julien, Knute Larson
Vice Moderator: James Dixon, Bill Smith
Secretary: Clyde Landrum, Warren Tamkin
Assistant Secretary—Gary Cole, David Plaster
Treasurer: Larry Chamberlain, Steve Mason
Statistician: Rollin Sandy, Galen Wiley
Committee on Committees: Forrest Jackson, Galen Lingenfelter, Russell Ogden, James Poyner, Robert Thompson

A motion prevailed that Luke Kauffman's name be placed in nomination for the office of Vice Moderator.

The election was conducted by the Moderator.

A motion prevailed to receive into the FGBC the Ephrata Area Grace Brethren Church, Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

The following persons were placed in nomination by the various districts for membership on the 1980 National Conference Executive Committee. These were elected by vote of the conference:

Allegheny: Ray Davis, True Hunt
Florida: John Diaz
Hawaii: James Kennedy
Indiana: Gene Witzky, Ward Tressler
Iowa: Larry Richeson
Michigan: Christian Becker
Mid-Atlantic: James Dixon, Randall Poyner
Mountain-Plains*: Gilbert Hawkins
Nor-Cal: Fenton McDonald
North Atlantic: Roger Wambold, Wesley Haller
Northcentral Ohio: John Teevan, John Viers
Northeastern Ohio: Jerry Teeter, Stanley Nairn

Northwest: Dale Hostetler
 Southeast: Ron Tompson, Michael Wingfield
 S. California-Arizona: Ralph Colburn, Edwin
 Cashman, David Goodman, Thomas Hughes
 Southern Ohio: Ron Picard, Tad Hobert
 Southwest*: Jon Hall
 Western Pennsylvania: Robert Griffith, Don
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**These two districts were formed this past year from the dividing of the Rocky Mountain Region FGBC. Their secretaries have written letters asking that they be received into the FGBC at the 1980 National Conference.*

The report of the Committee on Committees was received. The following were declared elected by vote of the conference: (see pages 3 and 4 of this Annual.)

A motion prevailed to seat one additional ministerial delegate from the Ephrata Area Grace Brethren Church.

A motion prevailed to adopt the Statistician's report as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES

Calendar Year of 1979

It is the firm conviction of your statistician that in no fellowship of churches is there greater faithfulness in preaching and teaching the Word of God than in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches. Praise should be given to the Lord daily for this and prayer offered that it would remain that way. The other side of the picture is that when consideration is given to record-keeping and reporting, the conviction of faithfulness, accuracy and promptness is greatly diminished. Being the statistician is a learning experience, to say the least, but the learning comes in many ways. Much frustration is experienced in working with incomplete, inaccurate, late, and unseen reports. On the other hand, many of the reports were in excellent condition, and for this much appreciation is expressed.

Praise should be expressed to the Lord for every person who was saved during the year, but the figures do not show that there were large numbers of them.

There was a net increase of seven new churches and one new district. Eight of the districts show a decrease in membership; whereas nine show an increase. The national increase is 3.3%, but there are six districts with a greater percentage of increase: Northern Atlantic-3.7%; Southern California-Arizona-4.3%; Indiana-4.9%; Northcentral Ohio-7.8%; Nor-Cal-22.6%; and the combined figures of Hawaii and Puerto Rico show a 78% increase. The total increase in

membership was 1,287 which was 44 less than the increase in 1978. There were 7,197 professions of faith, which means it took almost six people to lead one person to Christ. Not a very good average.

The attendance records show rather sizable gains in most cases; however, there was a 4.5% decrease in prayer meeting attendance and Sunday School had less than 1.3% increase.

Grace Brethren people continue to do well in the area of finances. There was an increase in giving in almost every area; however, the amount given to the Brethren Missionary Herald showed quite a decrease in 1979 when compared with the previous year. The greatest percentage of increased giving was to district missions, where there was a 40% increase.

Per capita giving increased from \$574.01 in 1978 to \$647.93 in 1979. The giving to Non-Brethren missions was \$605,352, which was 35% as much as the total combined giving to Brethren Home and Brethren Foreign Missions!

The records have been compiled and presented in this report. Sincere and dedicated Brethren should be challenged with the opportunities to greater results. It is "God who giveth the increase," but may we never lose sight of the fact that He uses faithful men and women in carrying out His will.

The reporting of statistics undoubtedly has its value, but unless and until there are more accurate reports forwarded to the statistician, there will always be a lot to be desired in the statistician's report. A precise reporting of all information requested, and no more, from the local churches and districts, would be of great help in preparing the report to be presented to national conference.

Respectfully submitted,
 A. Rollin Sandy, statistician

District	No. of Churches Reporting		Membership	
	1978	1979	1978	1979
Allegheny	16	15	1,855	1,827
Florida	10	11	1,044	1,034
Hawaii	*	3		251
Indiana	18	17	2,860	2,999
Iowa-				
Midlands	11	12	1,111	1,072
Michigan	8	7	540	539
Mid-Atlantic . .	12	12	3,123	3,194
No. Atlantic . .	21	21	3,231	3,351
Nor-Cal	6	8	903	1,107
Northcentral				
Ohio	16	18	3,904	4,210
Northeastern				
Ohio	14	14	2,421	2,332
Northwest . . .	15	15	1,380	1,410
Rocky Mountain				
Region	10	11	806	732
Southeast	20	21	2,472	2,407
So. California-				
Arizona	37	37	8,591	8,961

Southern				
Ohio	19	17	2,318	2,285
Western				
Pennsylvania . .	17	16	2,889	2,908
Puerto Rico . . .	3**	1	157	28
Clay City, Ind. . .		<u>1</u>		<u>33</u>
Totals .	253	257	39,605	40,680

*Nonexistent as a district

**Previously combined with Hawaii

District	No. of Churches Reporting		Sunday School Attendance	
	1978	1979	1978	1979
Allegheny	16	15	1,598	1,575
Florida	10	11	1,026	1,061
Hawaii	*	3		249
Indiana	18	17	2,550	2,495
Iowa-				
Midlands	11	12	815	862
Michigan	8	7	483	477
Mid-Atlantic . .	12	12	2,738	2,598
No. Atlantic . .	21	21	3,037	3,114
Nor-Cal	6	8	739	884
Northcentral				
Ohio	16	18	3,273	3,278
Northeastern				
Ohio	14	14	1,618	1,674
Northwest . . .	15	15	1,161	1,181
Rocky Mountain				
Region	10	11	571	611
Southeast	20	21	1,953	1,854
So. California-				
Arizona	37	37	6,866	6,778
Southern				
Ohio	19	17	1,728	1,817
Western				
Pennsylvania . .	17	16	2,455	2,630
Puerto Rico . . .	3**	1	165	20
Clay City, Ind. . .		<u>1</u>		<u>32</u>
Totals .	253	257	32,776	33,190

*Nonexistent as a district

**Previously combined with Hawaii

There are 271 churches (Annual shows 272, but Lakewood and Cypress, Calif., have combined. Therefore, a total of 271). A total of 257 churches reported from 17 districts, in addition to Puerto Rico and Clay City, Indiana. The following 14 did not report: Allegheny District—Accident, Md., and Somerset, Pa.; Iowa-Midlands District—Garwin, Iowa; Michigan District—Jackson, Mich.; Nor-Cal District—Placerville and Tracy, Calif.; Northcentral Ohio—Walbridge, Ohio; Rocky Mountain Region—Cheyenne, Wyo.; So. California-Arizona District—Bell and Fillmore, Calif., and Phoenix (Northwest), Ariz.; and Southern Ohio District—Covington, Dayton (Patterson Park—no longer a Grace Brethren Church), and Sinking Spring, Ohio.

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH:	1978	1979
Regular services	3,009	3,479
Sunday School-		
Children's Church	1,431	1,006
VBS and camp	1,484	1,425
Other	<u>1,007</u>	<u>1,287</u>
Total	6,931	7,197

MEMBERSHIP:

Total last year	38,274	39,393
Added this year:		
From other denominations . .	557	588
From other FGBC churches . .	611	634
By baptism	2,621	2,832
Other	<u>306</u>	<u>407</u>
Total added	4,095	4,461

Lost this year:

To other denominations . .	590	592
To other FGBC churches . .	522	525
By death	256	235
By dismissal	77	64
Roll revision	1,235	1,646
Other	<u>84</u>	<u>112</u>
Total lost	2,764	3,174

Net gain	1,331	1,287
Membership this year . . .	39,605	40,680
Trine-immersed	35,608	36,216
Total baptisms	3,583	4,356

STATISTICS OF MEETINGS:

Morning worship	38,725	39,840
Evening worship	17,954	19,424
Prayer meeting	12,361	11,807
Communion	18,070	18,973
Other	8,299	12,238

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS:

Sunday School:		
Preschool	4,767	4,944
Grades 1-6	7,315	7,110
Grades 7-12	5,120	5,241
Adult	<u>15,574</u>	<u>15,895</u>
Total	32,776	33,190
VBS	18,176	19,376
Girls' work	3,189	2,977
Boys' work	1,804	1,817
Youth	2,796	2,881
WMC	3,692	3,801
Laymen	987	1,095

CHURCH-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS:

District youth camp	2,424	2,316
Day school	5,515	6,536
Other	1,078	1,516

1978	1979
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ASSETS AT END OF YEAR:

What church owns:		
Cash in bank	\$ 1,557,998	\$ 1,390,814
Savings &		
Investments	1,797,343	2,167,761
Equipment	4,744,655	4,926,401
Parsonage (cost)	2,272,510	2,211,948
Land &		
building (cost)	50,181,511	55,838,827
Other	<u>2,343,721</u>	<u>2,581,792</u>
Total	62,897,738	69,117,543

What church owes	<u>17,997,958</u>	<u>19,791,042</u>
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What church's net worth	\$44,899,780	\$49,326,501
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RECEIPT OF INCOME:

Missions	\$ 2,661,837	\$ 2,977,152
General fund	10,652,320	11,958,382
Building fund	2,199,921	2,370,439
Auxiliary receipts	765,956	924,601

Church-related organizations	4,263,684	3,182,043
Borrowed funds	2,080,354	2,791,606
Other	<u>1,526,522</u>	<u>2,153,726</u>
Total	\$24,150,594	\$26,357,949

DISBURSEMENTS OF EXPENDITURES:

National organizations (including auxiliary organizations)		
Breth. Home Miss. . . \$	565,354	\$ 597,748
Breth. For. Miss.	937,593	1,138,840
Grace Schools	271,161	314,931
District Missions	110,439	154,930
Christian Education		
Board	78,288	88,911
Board of		
Evangelism	23,816	26,775
Breth. Miss. Herald . . .	59,866	53,312
Other Brethren		
Missions	221,770	230,951
Non-Brethren		
Missions	<u>456,230</u>	<u>605,352</u>
Total	\$ 2,724,517	\$ 3,211,750

Local expenses:

General fund:		
Senior pastors' salary (total) . . . \$	2,755,320	\$ 3,060,773
Other pastors' salary	814,430	1,150,330
Other salaries	1,635,930	1,590,867
Operating expenses (utilities, supplies, insurance, maintenance, etc.)		
	3,159,405	3,320,255
Promotion	228,593	273,043
Debt payment (principal and interest)		
	241,068	538,262
Other	<u>816,327</u>	<u>1,652,312</u>
Total	\$ 9,651,073	\$11,585,842

Building fund:		
Regular building		
debt	\$ 2,140,981	\$ 2,422,917
New building	2,433,607	2,772,019
Improvements	<u>757,976</u>	<u>922,920</u>
Total	\$ 5,332,564	\$ 6,117,856

Auxiliary organizations . . . \$	588,112	\$ 899,986
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Church-related organizations . .		
Dist. youth camp . . \$	112,478	\$ 106,028
Christian day		
school	3,688,009	3,920,710
Other	<u>636,985</u>	<u>320,907</u>
Total	\$ 4,437,472	\$ 4,347,645
Total	\$20,009,221	\$22,951,329

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES:

National organizations . . \$ 2,724,517 \$ 3,211,750		
Local expenses	<u>20,009,221</u>	<u>22,951,329</u>
TOTAL	\$22,733,738	\$26,163,079

A motion was made and passed that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND SESSION, JULY 30:

The moderator called the second business session to order at 8:40 a.m., July 30, 1980.

A motion was made and passed to receive the minutes of the last meeting, as corrected.

A motion prevailed to remove the name of the Patterson Park Brethren Church, at their own request—see 8/1/80 motion, from the list of member churches in the FGBC.

The Membership Committee reported additional delegates, bringing the number of delegates to date to 488 lay and 284 ministerial delegates, with a second day total of 772.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the FGBC Treasurer, Mr. Larry Chamberlain, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For Eleven Month Period of August 1, 1979, to
June 30, 1980

INCOME:	
Credential and Child Care Fees . . .	\$22,184.18
Special Offerings—	
Home Missions	3,845.40
Foreign Missions	4,396.00
Grace Schools	948.18
Christian Education	1,157.11
Conference Expenses	888.20
Florida Tour Receipts	1,651.41
Exhibit Receipts	350.00
Royalties from Sale of Tapes	486.00
Interest Earned—BIF	<u>714.57</u>
Total Income	\$36,621.05

EXPENSES:	
Facilities Rental	\$ 209.31
Brethren <u>Annual</u>	5,110.85
Secretarial Help	510.65
Special Offerings—	
Home Missions	3,845.40
Foreign Missions	4,396.00
Grace Schools	948.18
Christian Education	1,157.11
Printing and Promotion	4,785.83
Conference Music—Audio	1,042.65
Coordinator	825.00
Honoraria and Travel	1,933.00
Officers' and Committees'	
Expenses	990.57
Child Care (net)	3,047.62
Florida Tour Disbursement	1,740.49
Special Committee Travel Expense . .	<u>1,688.21</u>
Total Expenses	\$32,230.87
Net Surplus	\$ 4,390.18

STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION June 30, 1980

Beginning Balances (8/1/79):	
Checking Account	\$ 386.73

Savings Account	5,206.16
Total	\$ 5,592.89
Add Net Surplus for Period	4,390.18
	\$ 9,983.07
Ending Balances (6/30/80):	
Checking Account	\$ 312.84
Savings Account	9,670.73
Total	\$ 9,983.07

The financial statements and records are examined by Plummer and Company, C.P.A.'s, Warsaw, Indiana.

A motion was made by Treasurer Larry Chamberlain to change the accounting year for the FGBC from the period of August 1-July 30, to the period of July 1-June 30, effective with the fiscal year of July 1979-June 30, 1980. The motion passed.

A motion was made to adopt the statement of the Northcentral Ohio District on the sanctity of life, and amend the FGBC Statement of Faith, by adding to Article 5, "man,"—the words "Life begins at conception and is worthy of the utmost respect" (Ps. 139:13-16; Exod. 21:22-25).

STATEMENT OF THE NORTHCENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT ON THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

The Northcentral Ohio District of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches has adopted a Sanctity of Life statement which it has recommended to national conference. Part of that recommendation is to add to the Statement of Faith, article 5 "Man," the words: "Life begins at conception and is worthy of the utmost respect" (Ps. 139:13-16).

A motion prevailed to refer the above motion to a special committee appointed by the moderator to report back to conference in 1981.

A motion prevailed to extend the time of the meeting.

The secretary read the report of yesterday's election as follows:

Moderator—Knut Larson
Vice Moderator—No election; must revote
Secretary—Clyde Landrum
Assistant Secretary—Gary Cole
Treasurer—Larry Chamberlain
Statistician—Rollin Sandy
Committee on Committees: Forrest Jackson, Russell Ogden, Robert Thompson

The moderator conducted the election for vice moderator with the two candidates: Bill Smith and Luke Kauffman.

A motion to adjourn was made and passed.

THIRD SESSION, JULY 31:

Moderator Jesse Deloe called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m., July 31, 1980.

The minutes of the previous session were read by the secretary, and were accepted by vote.

A motion prevailed to include the name of David Mitchell on the Executive Committee, as the representative of the new Southern District.

The Membership Committee reported two additional ministerial delegates. A motion was passed to seat these delegates, bringing the number of ministerial delegates to 286, lay delegates remaining at 488, for a new total of 774.

A motion prevailed that the Executive Committee appoint an additional two men to next year's Rules and Organization Committee to present to our next conference the procedures for amending our Statement of Faith.

Dr. David Hocking presented the report of the Special Study Committee:

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1980 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Special Study Committee

We recommend that . . .

1. We reaffirm our "Statement of Faith" as the essential position of our Fellowship requirements, and that we encourage all churches and examining boards to reaffirm their commitments to this statement as a minimum requirement for acceptance as a church or elder.

2. We recommend that the "Statement of Faith" become an official part of our FGBC constitution and articles of incorporation.

3. We incorporate as a Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (involving all necessary) with appropriate constitution and by-laws.

4. A Board of Directors be instituted to plan and be responsible for national conference and its related affairs.

5. Three regions of our churches be established, with four men from each region to serve on the Board of Directors:

- A. Western: Hawaii, Southern California, Northern California, Northwest, Southwest, Mountain Plains.
- B. Midwestern: Iowa-Midlands, Michigan, Indiana, Northcentral Ohio, Northeastern Ohio, Southern Ohio.
- C. Eastern: Western Pennsylvania, Allegheny, North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Florida, Southern.

6. Nominees for initial Board of Directors be selected by this study committee and the national conference executive committee with staggering terms.

7. Adequate provision be made for individual churches to submit names to the Board of Directors for consideration as nominees to the national conference.

8. Board of Directors may serve no more than two consecutive full terms.

9. No church have more than one member on the Board of Directors at once.

10. Board of Directors employ a person to carry out the conference and board responsibilities (time determined by the Board of Directors).

11. The present study committee be continued to implement the recommendations of conference.

12. The GBC Christian Education Board be encouraged to continue to lead in Church and Family Ministries and that related auxiliaries in the Fellowship be encouraged to study the consolidation of their efforts within the framework of this board.

13. We establish the following criteria for acceptance of a "cooperating organization":

- A. That the organization and its governing body subscribe to the Statement of Faith of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches.
- B. That the organization be sponsored and controlled by Grace Brethren people, with representation from more than one Grace Brethren church on the governing board.
- C. That the organization have a scope of ministry broader than the immediate local church ministries and exists to serve other Grace Brethren churches.
- D. That the organization meet a recognized need related to our fulfillment of the Great Commission.

The organization, with these criteria, must be inspected by the Board of Directors (or the present executive committee) of the conference before recommended for recognition to the national conference.

14. All cooperating organizations be required to submit annual reports to the conference.

15. We request the FGBC Board of Directors to study the problem of churches who lack district recognition but maintain membership in the national Fellowship.

16. We reaffirm personal obedience in holiness and in the Great Commission of our Lord as the high calling for the Christian and the churches, and call our churches to work together in love and visible unity under that command, praying for the Spirit's impetus and gracious fellowship of love in this mission.

A motion prevailed to adopt Items 1

and 2 of the report as our official position.

A motion was made and passed that we incorporate as the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (involving all necessary) with appropriate articles of incorporation, constitution, and by-laws.

A motion was made to adopt Recommendations 4 through 10 of the above report, thus taking steps to institute a board of directors to plan and be responsible for national conference and its related affairs.

A motion was passed to extend the time of the session for five minutes to finish current business.

The previous question was called, and approved by vote. The motion to adopt recommendations 4 through 10 was then passed.

The moderator announced a special business session for 2:30 p.m. today, July 31, 1980.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

Thursday, July 31, 2:30 p.m.

The moderator called the special afternoon session to order at 2:30 p.m., July 31, 1980.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

A motion was made and passed (regarding Recommendation No. 11 of the Special Studies Committee report) that a committee of five (5) be appointed to recommend in detailed manner instructions for implementation of the recommendation of conference.

A motion prevailed to accept No. 12 of the Special Study Committee recommendations.

A motion was made to accept recommendations 13 and 14 of the Special Committee report.

A motion prevailed to amend No. 13, B, to read "that the organization be sponsored and controlled by Grace Brethren people, providing that the organization is not a subsidiary of one local church, and that it has representation that is truly national in scope on its governing board."

A motion was made and passed to accept recommendations 13 and 14 of the Special Study Committee report as amended.

A motion was made to accept Recom-

mendation No. 15 of the report.
An amendment was made and passed to give this responsibility in No. 15 to the national conference Executive Committee, or its successor.

The motion on No. 15 as amended was passed.
A motion prevailed to accept Recommendation No. 16.

A motion prevailed to add an additional recommendation to be numbered No. 17: To reaffirm our belief in the sovereignty and autonomy of the local church.

The following persons were placed in nomination for membership on the Christian Education board:

- Roger Wambold, pastor, Philadelphia First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Bernie Simmons, CE pastor, Lititz, Pa., Grace Brethren Church
- Jim Poyner, pastor, Huber Heights, Grace Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio
- Gary Miller, pastor, Omaha, Nebr., Grace Brethren Church
- John McIntosh, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Mabton, Washington
- Mike Grill, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Grace College, member of Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Indiana
- Gerald Allebach, pastor, Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania
- Ed Cashman, pastor, Bellflower Brethren Church, Bellflower, California.

Our special thanks to Bill Snell, Vernon Harris, and David Seifert who leave this board of ministry for now after two consecutive terms because of the policy to allow for new people on the board.

A ballot election was held, following the passing of a motion that the nominations cease.

A motion prevailed to accept the report of the Grace Brethren Christian Education Department, as follows:

**REPORT OF GBC CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Our ministries continue with good encouragement from our churches and pastors. We thank you.

The list of our ministries is included in the packet. This year we added to our ministries, the beginning of a ministry to church secretaries, research into cooperation with Grace Schools to influence students in practical areas of local church-Great Commission ministries, more local and district CE seminars, and more touch with

our supporters.
We expanded road ministries and team visiting, responding to positive and enduring reactions.
We want to continue to work to alleviate the matter of fragmentation, helping all of us see all our work as FGBC, as one team doing one thing worldwide. Please let's all do that.
The "Hoping to Help" mood means we desire your suggestions and criticisms. Please share them.

We are especially grateful this year for your response to our need for a new headquarters building. Thank God for the generous and timely provision. Please come see the new Christian Education, which seems just right.
Our gratitude is expressed to the Herald Ministries, our landlords for years, who needed the room for their own expansion.

One new director this year was Kevin Huggins, director of exciting road ministries and seminars and editor of CE Youth Programs. Ed Lewis, director of Youth Ministries, deserves special credit for pouring his life into ministries that will affect our missions and church outreach for all the future. Judy Ashman, the other director, is responsible for a terrific girls' program and CE production.

Administration is shared by Virginia Toroian, Gladys Deloe, and Brian Roseborough. Plus a terrific staff.
We also thank a board with great heart and shared vision.

Respectfully submitted,
Knute Larson, executive director

**STATEMENT OF OPERATION
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
For year ending December 31, 1979**

INCOME:	
Church offering and honoraria . . .	\$ 85,112.36
TIME	44,425.78
SMM—offering and District	
Patroness Seminar	7,889.58
Timothy Teams	3,081.55
Office equipment	1,059.75
Operation Barnabas	24,977.86
Car	814.86
CE Convention	6,066.65
BNYC	174,738.04
Youth programs	7,666.53
NAC	1,500.00
Ac'cent	7,742.50
D-Days	2,323.67
BSLV	212.00
Material sales	33,307.77
Service sales	186.97
Film rental	770.58
Hospitalization	2,054.94
Postage	2,204.35
Garage sale	300.65
Telephone	243.78
WMC offering	700.00
Other income	4,540.72
Total Income	\$411,920.89

EXPENSES:	
Staff:	
Salaries, housing retirement, Social Security, travel	88,762.49
Office:	
Office expense	11,082.19
Office supplies	4,544.25
Rent	6,000.00
Depreciation	3,726.04
Hospitalization	4,205.62
Office postage	5,153.65
Telephone campaign	132.29
Office building	726.00
Office insurance	1,135.00
Workmen's Compensation	59.00
Youth:	
BNYC (1978-79)	147,980.58
BSLV	262.67
TIME	31,931.72
Timothy Teams	1,767.14
Operation Barnabas	22,933.59
Youth programs	5,801.84
D-Days	2,705.83
Youth fund	230.42
NAC	1,605.00
SMM expense and Grace project	5,119.06
CE Convention expense	5,768.09
Administrative, district representation, consultant	2,426.05
Publications	29,581.52
Material cost and postage	23,475.56
PSA	1,394.72
AV	722.60
Auto and van	1,147.02
Other expense	2,470.94
Total Expense	\$412,850.88

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	
December 31, 1979	
ASSETS:	
Cash	\$22,755.04
Petty cash	257.82
Restricted funds	2,696.59
Scholarship fund	4,774.67
SMM	530.47
TIME	6,738.48
Timothy Teams	420.10
Operation Barnabas	1,109.98
TOTAL CASH	\$39,283.15
Accounts receivable	\$ 6,387.18
Less: reserve for bad debts	151.21
	\$ 6,235.97
Automobile	\$ 3,000.00
Less: accumulated depreciation	1,800.00
	\$ 1,200.00
Van	\$ 6,680.00
Less: accumulated depreciation	2,672.00
	\$ 4,008.00
Trailer	\$ 200.00
Less: accumulated depreciation	80.00
	\$ 120.00
Office equipment	\$29,126.79
Less: accumulated depreciation	19,432.19
	\$ 9,694.60
Filmstrips	\$ 6,638.46
Less: accumulated depreciation	6,221.11
	\$ 417.35

Inventory	\$21,975.47
Total Assets	\$82,934.54
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable	\$20,671.44
Accrued taxes payable	1,142.14
TIME missionary funds	9,064.23
Total liabilities	\$30,877.81
Net worth	\$52,986.72
Expenses over income	929.99
	\$52,056.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	\$82,934.54

A motion prevailed to accept the report of the Board of Evangelism, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Board of Evangelism continues to encourage and foster evangelism and revival throughout our Fellowship. During the past year, we have made available the ministry of our evangelist, Rev. Mason Cooper, to any church issuing an invitation. Our evangelist comes on a free-will offering basis. As you can see, from the information in your conference folder, the churches supported this ministry with an average offering of \$271.39. We are grateful for the crusade offerings, and even more grateful for the fact that our general offerings were sufficient so as to enable us to subsidize these church crusades. By and large, Mr. Cooper is emphasizing the need for revival in our churches and is offering a biblical means for realizing this.

Your gifts to the Board of Evangelism have allowed us to share in a number of other ministries throughout our constituency, as well. The enrichment of the curriculum at Grace Theological Seminary this past year by the inclusion of evangelism specialists in lectures and other settings, was a venture encouraged by the Board of Evangelism, and paid for by this Board. We appreciate the seminary's desire to provide the students with an exposure to practical evangelistic information and techniques, and we count it a distinct privilege to work with them in this vital area of preparation for the ministry which follows graduation.

For a number of years the Board of Evangelism has given both moral and financial support to the Christian Education Board's "Operation Barnabas." This past year, our financial assistance amounted to a gift of \$3,000.00. Technically, just a "Creature of Conference," we believe that we have a responsibility to participate in as many specialized ways as possible to augment the work of evangelism being done by other Boards within our Fellowship.

In recent summers, we have made a ministry of evangelism available to Brethren young men

who are training for the ministry. For a period of 12 weeks, these fellows have ministered in Brethren churches and camps. Once again, we have not put a price tag on the talents of these evangelists, being more than glad to subsidize their ministry. We have received glowing reports from churches, lauding the work of these men as they have conducted worship services, assisted in Vacation Bible Schools, district camps, repaired Sunday school busses, done door-to-door visitation, led teens in seminars on soul-winning and discipleship, plus a host of other activities. Perhaps I can share with you a family secret about this summer ministry: while we are greatly interested in being a blessing to local Brethren churches, our greatest interest is in providing the excitement and experience of personal evangelism to these young men who make up the summer teams and who, all things being equal, will one day be preaching from Brethren pulpits.

Considerably more than a score of our churches are taking advantage of the Strategy For Church Growth being offered by the Board of Evangelism. For a one-time cost of just \$60.00, a church is enabled to evaluate its present situation and to set practical, reachable goals for the future. Church Growth is the name of the game these days, and the Board of Evangelism has undertaken the responsibility of providing a tool for this within the framework of our Fellowship.

Finally, we want to thank you for your offerings. We owe a special word of thanks to those who give to the Board of Evangelism through your church, even though your particular church may not schedule the ministry of our evangelist. Your investment insures the continuance of our ability to share in such things as the ministries I have just referred to. And, please, please, remember the Board of Evangelism in your prayers. We would love to be included on the weekly prayer list at your church!

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Collitt, executive director

BOARD OF EVANGELISM FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1 to December 31, 1979

The listing below includes offerings from crusade meetings. Some checks for 1979 offerings were received after the first of the new year, and will not be included in this report:

Receipts:

Allegheny District	\$ 696.32
Florida District	40.00
Indiana District	2,814.63
Iowa-Midlands District	71.25
Michigan District	1,801.56
Mid-Atlantic	2,512.50
Northern Atlantic District	3,866.54
Nor-Cal District	248.00
Northeast Ohio District	1,503.86
Northeastern Ohio District	1,469.92
Northwest District	2,885.11
Rocky Mountain Region	6.25

Southeast District	2,814.52
Southern California-Arizona District	1,519.19
Southern Ohio District	1,919.57
Western Pennsylvania District	1,915.60
Hawaii	900.00
Total church receipts	\$26,984.82
Miscellaneous Receipts	2,428.19
Transfer of funds from BIF	12,000.00
Total receipts	\$41,413.01
Expenditures:	
Evangelist salary	\$16,401.37
Evangelist travel and expense	4,510.20
Administrative, conferences, crusades, seminars and director	4,159.04
Office (telephone, mailings, secretary, supplies)	1,394.06
Board meetings	4,012.22
Special ministries	2,750.00
Miscellaneous (summer teams, camp ministries)	5,178.53
Total expenditures	\$38,405.42
Bank balance on hand December 31, 1979	\$ 1,873.53
Total BIF investment (including interest)	\$20,707.88

1979 STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Crusades	17
Average nightly attendance	53
Average offering	\$271.39
Total Decisions	237
Salvation	7
Rededication	219
Other	11

The following persons were placed in nomination for membership on the Board of Evangelism by vote:

Keith Altig
Joe Dombek*
Bill Kellerman
Don Kendall*
Don Rough

*Incumbent

(Terms expires 1983)

Brian Smith and Duke Wallace were nominated from the floor.

A motion prevailed that the nominations cease and the election be held.

A motion was made and passed to direct the Committee on Pastorless Churches, the Music Committee, Conference Publicity Committee, and the Hospitality Committee to present their reports in writing to the secretary of conference.

A motion prevailed to dispense with the reading of the minutes in tomorrow's session.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

Moderator Jesse B. Deloe called the first business session to order at 8:30 a.m., August 1, 1980.

A motion was made and passed to add the words "at their own request" to the Wednesday a.m., July 30, 1980, motion relative to the Patterson Park Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, being removed from our official list of member churches.

Secretary Clyde Landrum announced the results of two elections held on the previous day:

For membership on the Christian Education Board:

Roger Wambold, Bernie Simmons, Jim Poyner, Mike Grill and Ed Cashman.

For membership on the Board of Evangelism: Keith Altig, Joe Dombek, Don Kendall, Don Rough.

The secretary also announced that Luke Kauffman has been elected as the vice moderator for the ensuing year.

Moderator Deloe announced Wesley Haller and David Plaster as the two persons to serve with next year's Rules and Organization Committee to present to next year's conference the procedures for amending our Statement of Faith.

Moderator Deloe announced that the following persons are to make up the committee of five (5) to recommend in detailed manner instructions for implementation of the recommendations of conference:

Jesse Deloe, retiring moderator

Forrest Jackson

Ed Cashman

Kenneth Koontz

Tom Julien

Moderator Deloe announced that the following persons are to make up the special committee to report back to conference in 1981 on the "Sanctity of Life" matter.

John Teevan

Donald Shoemaker

Mary Thompson

Dr. Cliff Raymond

Barbara Woodring

A motion prevailed to adopt the following report on the Moderator's Address:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

We congratulate our moderator for so ably presenting an address most relevant to the needs of our Fellowship. The cliché fits, he scratched us where we itch. We commend him for his insightful observations of the strengths and the weaknesses of our Fellowship. His honest balance of compliments and correction was both encouraging and convicting. He stepped on our toes without scuffing our shine. We are also grateful for our moderator powerfully introducing us to the theme of conference, "To Whom Much Is Given." He surveyed the theme texts of Scripture with careful exposition and color, preparing us for the other speakers of conference. Appropriately, he delivered a nourishing appetizer for our conference.

Yet, most significantly, he set forth specific recommendations to solve particular and pressing problems in our conference. Our moderator has handed this conference his architectural drawings, and asked us to build a better Fellowship with them. Therefore, we reiterate with some minor alterations the following recommendations of our moderator and urge this conference to adopt them:

1. Because of our society's murderous lack of concern for life, we recommend that our moderator appoint a committee to examine and propose a position on the sanctity of life to next year's conference.

2. To promote and protect our doctrinal distinctives, we recommend our conference amend the national conference constitution to include the FGBC Statement of Faith.

3. We recommend the challenge to every pastor and congregation that they develop meaningful prayer in each believer's life.

4. Realizing the far-reaching implications of the recommendations of the newly organized study committee, we recommend this conference give careful consideration to the study committee's proposals.

5. To give continuity and organizational effectiveness to our national conference leadership, we recommend the manual of procedures for our conference be amended in 1981 for the year 1982; (1) to replace the vice moderator's office with that of the moderator-elect. (2) to designate the moderator as chairman of the executive committee and (3) to retain the retiring moderator as a member of the executive committee one year following his tenure. We further recommend that the executive committee be authorized to come to the national conference site one day early, if needed, for consultation at the expense of conference.

6. We recommend that national ministerium give careful study to the delicate problem of dealing with "inactive" licensed or ordained elders (elders not functioning in church ministry at the present time for which licensure or ordination is necessary).

To the praise and glory of Jesus,

Respectfully submitted,
David Miller (chm.), Robert Collitt
John Burke

A motion was made and passed to adopt the following report by the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits:

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF
EMERGENCY AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

This Board is studying the funding of the retirement part of its program and foresees a serious lack of funding to provide for future payments. As a result, the Board passed a motion to recommend to the conference that the 3 percent contribution of participating churches be increased to 4 percent beginning January 1, 1981. This is based on the pastor's gross salary.

Any pastor aged 65 or over making \$5,000 or more earned income in any year is ineligible to draw retirement payments from our board.

At the present \$2,553 per month is being paid to 27 pastors and 11 widows for a total of 38 pension payments monthly. Some 75 churches

and 57 elders are now cooperating in the program of this board.

It is still the board's desire that a more adequate retirement program be provided so that all of our pastors can benefit. The original recommendation adopted in 1947 by this Fellowship was the appointment of such "a Board for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation to solicit, receive and disburse funds to meet adequately the need of incapacitated and aged ministers."

The officers elected for the coming year are: Carl Miller, president; John R. Zielasko, vice president; Clair Brickel, secretary-treasurer; William Byers, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Please send all checks and requests for information to Rev. Clair Brickel, 14319 Brookville-Pyrmont Road, Brookville, Ohio 45309.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Miller, president

The board wishes to place the following names in nomination for a three-year term to this board: Clair Brickel, Robert Moeller, John R. Zielasko, and Ronald Guiles to fill the unexpired term of W. H. Schaffer.

A motion prevailed that nominations cease and that these be declared elected.

Clair Brickel Robert Moeller
John R. Zielasko Ron Guiles

**THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EMERGENCY AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS
OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES**

**Statement of Financial Condition
December 31, 1979**

Cash in Bank (December 31, 1979)	\$ 5,388.87	
Savings in BIF (December 31, 1979)	<u>65,074.54</u>	
Total Fund Assets		<u>\$70,463.41</u>
Liabilities	— 0 —	
Fund Equity	<u>70,463.41</u>	
Total Liability and Fund Equity		<u>\$70,463.41</u>

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 1979**

	Retirement Fund	Emergency Fund	Ministers Fund	Total
FUND BALANCES (1/1/79)	\$12,329.68	\$15,850.00	\$40,678.43	\$68,858.11
CASH RECEIPTS:				
Contributions	23,521.34	— 0 —	5,292.10	— 0 —
Interest Income	2,003.75	— 0 —	1,488.00	— 0 —
Gifts	835.00	— 0 —	— 0 —	— 0 —
Transfer from Ministers Fund	1,566.00	— 0 —	— 0 —	— 0 —
Sale of Equipment	<u>50.00</u>	<u>— 0 —</u>	<u>— 0 —</u>	<u>— 0 —</u>
Total Cash Receipts	\$27,976.09	— 0 —	\$ 6,780.02	\$34,756.11
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:				
Benefits Paid Retirees	\$29,353.28	— 0 —	— 0 —	— 0 —
Advertising	622.79	— 0 —	— 0 —	— 0 —
Secretary	<u>420.00</u>	<u>— 0 —</u>	<u>— 0 —</u>	<u>— 0 —</u>

Honorarium	360.00	— 0 —	— 0 —	— 0 —
Postage	135.00	— 0 —	— 0 —	— 0 —
Office Supplies and Fees	40.74	— 0 —	— 0 —	— 0 —
Transfer to Retirement Fund	— 0 —	— 0 —	1,566.00	— 0 —
Refunds	— 0 —	— 0 —	653.00	— 0 —
Total Cash Disbursements	\$30,931.81	— 0 —	\$ 2,219.00	\$33,150.81

FUND BALANCES (1/31/79)	<u>\$ 9,373.96</u>	<u>\$15,850.00</u>	<u>\$45,239.45</u>	<u>\$70,463.41</u>
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We have reviewed the above Statement of Financial Condition of the Brethren Ministerial Retirement Fund as of December 31, 1979, and the related Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year then ended.

A review consists principally of inquiries of the Fund's manager and other analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.—Carl W. Roberts, CPA, Brookville, Ohio. Dated June 26, 1980.

A motion was made to adopt the following report by the Resolutions Committee:

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORIZATION

(1) A Resolution Committee consisting of these members shall be appointed annually to prepare resolutions for presentation to conference.

(2) Resolutions shall be directed toward subjects that have bearing upon our position as Christians and as Brethren in a secular world.

(3) As a general rule, the operation and ministries of our churches and church-related organizations shall not be the subject matter of resolutions. Actions concerning these things will be better accomplished through direct motions on the floor of the conference.

(4) Resolutions shall deal with important positions and policies. It shall not be the role of this committee to generally evaluate or express commendation to persons or agencies within the Fellowship.

(5) The Resolutions Committee shall not seek through resolutions to effect solutions to divisive problems or establish policies for the conference.

(6) The Resolutions Committee shall be available during the conference business sessions to draw up summary statements concerning subjects that may be referred to them.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Resolutions are formal expressions of opinion or intention. They may not be designed to educate the membership, or defend the faith of the membership.

When resolutions are approved at annual conference, they become the stated opinions of Grace Brethren churches everywhere. It is important, therefore, that resolutions be examined carefully before approval, to insure that they speak for all our churches.

The following resolutions apply our Statement of Faith to contemporary issues, to cultural and intellectual movements now affecting members of Grace Brethren churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Thornton, chm.
James Custer
Luke Kauffman

PREAMBLE

We, the delegates to the 91st Annual Conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, meeting in sessions at Winona Lake, Indiana, July 27 to August 1, 1980, hereby affirm the following resolutions:

I. THE CHRISTIAN AND HUMAN LIFE

We affirm that every human life, as created in the image of God, has value because of God's creative action and because of God's immeasurable redemptive love in Christ at Calvary. Every human life is endowed by God with eternal existence and it is our duty to maintain the utmost respect for that life throughout its human history. Therefore, we resolve that permissive abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia violate the sanctity of human life and the commandments of God.

II. THE CHRISTIAN AND CARNAL STRIFE

Knowing that our Grace Brethren constituency faces the constant need for biblical teaching in at least four of the following areas pertaining to carnal strife: (1) participating in marital and domestic quarrels; (2) engaging in local church controversies; (3) engaging in labor and management disputes; and (4) serving in the military (see motion following the presentation of this report), we hereby encourage our pastors and local church leadership to expose biblical principles in these and other related issues, and that we as Grace Brethren exhibit a life style in harmony with our calling in Christ by not engaging in strife. Wherever possible we desire to

live peaceably with all mankind, thereby reaffirming that our warfare is never against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places.

III. THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS SOCIETY

Resolved that we recognize the temptation to seek solutions to the moral problems in our culture through governmental regulation by political power blocks. As free citizens, each of us is responsible to voice convictions on the godless trends currently prevailing in our country and to vote for those politicians who support moral legislation to reverse such trends. The Christian's greater responsibility lies in maintaining a purified society within our local churches. This will require the definition of conduct acceptable to biblical standards, the firm confrontation of those who flaunt those standards, and the gracious restoration of disciplined believers who show forth fruits of repentance.

IV. THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS ERRING BROTHER

Be it resolved that we never hesitate to preach against sin in either the Body of Christ or in our current worldly society, and that we remind our fellow-believers that, while God and the church will forgive the sin committed by them, a price is always exacted in the sociological spectrum. This price does not require persons to grovel in the remorse of their sin, but due to consequences they will have to carry for a life time varying degrees of sinful scars and painful memories. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to the ministry of restoring our erring brethren with a Christ-like spirit of meekness.

V. THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS IDENTITY

Resolved that we assure ourselves that the distinctives outlined in the FGBC Statement of Faith are indeed mandated in Scripture and that we boldly exhibit our beliefs in the patterns of personal piety and congregational order with full confidence that we have been called by Christ to be different for His sake. As terms are redefined and Christians opt for the lowest common denominator to express their commitment to Christ, our distinctive convictions will position us as light and salt in an increasingly homogenized religious world.

A motion prevailed to amend Section II, Item (4) to read "exercising personal and unlawful violence while serving in the military. . . ."

The motion to adopt was passed as amended.

Motion prevailed to adopt the following

report of the Executive Committee: "That the 1981 National Conference be held at Winona Lake, Indiana, July 26 to July 31, 1981, including Saturday night concert sponsored by the Herald Company."

A motion prevailed to adopt the following recommendation from the Executive Committee: "That the Executive Committee, or its successor, be empowered to select dates and recommend places for future conferences of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches."

A motion prevailed to adopt the report concerning Regional Conferences, as follows:

REGIONAL CONFERENCE SURVEY REPORT

The conference coordinator distributed copies of the regional conference surveys. Considerable discussion based on the findings of those surveys followed. Then the following motion prevailed: "Based upon the consensus of the opinion of the present Executive Committee members secured through an extended survey study in which there was very little support *at this time* for the lessening of the frequency of national conference or for the discontinuance of the district conferences, we feel it unwise at this time to discontinue district conferences or the annual national conference, but that we look with approval upon the formation of voluntary regional conferences where and when desired."

A motion prevailed to accept the invitation of the Southern California-Arizona District FGBC to host the 1982 national conference.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the Auditing Committee, as follows:

REPORT OF THE AUDITING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The financial statements and supporting records of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches and associated creatures of conference are examined by independent, third-party audits.

The function of this committee will be to examine those audited statements and make whatever observations or recommendations we feel are necessary, particularly as to the quality, scope, and content of such audits.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Chamberlain, chm.

Mr. Moderator, I move that we receive this report.

The moderator announced that the Endorsing Agent's report would become a part of the minutes. He then introduced

Chaplain John Patrick and serviceman Mike Howard to use the time set aside for the Endorsing Agent's report.

A motion prevailed to extend the time of the session.

An announcement was made by the new moderator, Knute Larson, that Rev. Donald Carter has been selected as the new endorsing agent. He made a motion that we express our appreciation to outgoing Endorsing Agent Clyde Landrum for his approximately 30 years of service, and that an appropriate plaque be presented to him. The motion was passed with a standing ovation by the audience.

A motion prevailed to adjourn sine die, putting minutes into the record. An installation of new officers followed.

By previous vote, the following written reports are to be put into the minutes; for lack of time, no action was taken on them:

Music Committee Report
Report of Committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men
Report of the Endorsing Agent
Report of the Historical Records Committee
Publicity Committee Report
Hospitality Committee Report

MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

The Music Committee has again enjoyed the full cooperation and enthusiastic participation of some of the best musicians in our Fellowship. Time limits have made it impossible to present all of the worthy possibilities.

We are grateful to the following for their ministries in our conference sessions: the Grace College alumnae brass quartet; the Sunday morning volunteer choir with accompanists Rich Dick, Susie Hobert, Scott Clawson, and Fred Bechtel; Mrs. William Gordon; Mike Griffith; Randy Poyner; Gladys Deloe; the Osceola Brethren High School Ensemble, His Image; Paul and Betty Mumma; the Grace College Ensemble, The Believers; Loren Hoyt; the Toledo Grace Brethren Ensemble, Sounds of Grace; Roxanne Fetterhoff; and accompanists Dr. Vance Yoder, Mrs. Odell Minnix, and Mrs. Jerry Young.

The congregation has, as always, responded in singing which fulfilled the Scriptural directives of "speaking to one another" while "making melody with your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:18-19).

It was our joy to serve the Fellowship in planning and executing the musical ministries for this year's conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Ogden, music director

Richard Messner, Bernie Simmons,
Vance Yoder

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PASTORLESS CHURCHES AND AVAILABLE MEN

August 1, 1979 to July 31, 1980

Introduction:

The Committee for Pastorless Churches and Available Men is authorized by the National Conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches as a service to our churches and pastors.

Organization and Function:

The moderators of the districts of our Fellowship comprise the committee with a coordinator appointed by the national conference. Pastorless churches and men seeking churches are listed only when requested by church or individual. The committee serves only as a liaison between churches and available men.

Services Rendered:

During this past year, 30 pastors and 23 churches listed with this committee. At this present time, 8 pastors and 8 churches remain listed with the committee.

The committee corresponded with all district moderators early in the spring to acquaint them with the Brethren seminary students who would graduate in May of 1980. In this correspondence, it indicated the type of ministry the graduate had interest in. There were four mailings to update the list of men and churches.

Expenses:

The expenses connected with carrying out the duties of this office are as follows:

Printing:	
Xerox	\$10.79
Offset	5.94
Postage	7.50
Stationery	10.95
Total	\$35.18

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Jenkins, coordinator

ENDORISING AGENT'S REPORT TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 1980

The Grace Brethren Chaplains Agency has had an interesting year. While our number of men on active duty has remained constant, the men have had varied and interesting experiences to report. We continued with three men in the U.S. Army, and one each in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy. Two of our Army Chaplains—John Schumacher and John Patrick were on overseas tours of duty: Korea and Germany. A third, Emlyn Jones, is scheduled for service in Germany beginning 15 August 1980. James Dickson is assigned to the *USS TRIPOLI*, and has been on an extended assignment in the Pacific area. James

Elwell returned in February 1980 from two years of ministry in Guam. So, movement has very definitely been involved.

We have appreciated the prayers of the Brethren for our men and their families during the past year. Some, perhaps, felt concern for the Schumachers in recent months, during times of turmoil in Korea. But Chaplain Schumacher reported in his most recent communication: "In spite of all you have read about the turmoil over here, we have never felt that we were in any danger. There just is no anti-American sentiment." Praise the Lord for His keeping power! The Schumachers will soon be settling down in a ministry at Fort Ord, California.

John Patrick and his wife, Georgia, along with four daughters are living family style in Germany. It is not difficult to imagine the busy schedule in their household. And, while the Elwells reported their February transfer in rather casual terms, a move from Guam to Albuquerque is still something more than routine!

While Emlyn Jones' year has perhaps been the most routine, his very full ministry at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, New York, has been an intensive one. June Dickson was able to visit Jim in the South Pacific at Christmas time which was indeed a "big event." With his *USS TRIPOLI* currently being in an overhaul and repair stage at his home port of San Diego, he will get to be with the family for quite a while.

Our agency has been confronted with important matters during the year. We are in constant correspondence with the offices of the three Chiefs of Chaplains concerning these. Two matters are: (1) Bringing women into the ministry, and (2) the push to recruit chaplains from the so-called "Minority Groups" of our country. Concerning the first, we simply state our stand, and the matter is cared for. We have worked hard and long on the second, but to the present we have not come up with any additional Brethren chaplains. It just is not as easy as it seems.

We have also been urged to get more ministers into the Reserve Chaplaincy. On this matter we have been more successful. Reserve Chaplains are ordained ministers who serve with various military operations affiliated with some branch of one of the three military services. These men usually spend one or two weeks per year on "active duty" with their units. In addition to this type of service, we have the Semimarian program in which seminary men have temporary rank, and take training during summer months, under the direction of their particular branch of service, in cooperation with the denominational endorsing agency. We currently have two men in this ministry.

In all matters during the past year I have had able assistance and support from Rev. Burton G.

Hatch, deputy endorsing agent. It is so good to be able to work and share with him. Also, he and I appreciate the fine support we get from national conference, and from the Brethren constituency, particularly in the area of prayer. Thanks to you all as we enter another year of ministry in the Grace Brethren Chaplains Endorsing Agency!

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde K. Landrum, endorsing agent

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

The committee is now in its third year of service. The initial progress of the committee is not a dramatic one, but we do feel that its importance will grow with the passing of years.

We did seek to bring some history to the conference this year with the presentation of Brethren historical printed material. A display on Wednesday afternoon gave opportunity to the delegates to see how the Brethren made a contribution to early American biblical material. Old Bibles with the Germantown imprints and magazines were on display.

Probably the most significant contribution is coming from dozens of Brethren from our Fellowship who are writing articles for the *Brethren Encyclopedia*. The progress during the year was quite significant.

An endeavor will be made this year to gather histories of the hundreds of Grace Brethren churches, as well as biographical material from all of the ministers of our Fellowship. This will bring together some of our records. We thank those who have responded to our mention of pictures and church histories. We will seek a permanent location for such data.

We have discovered a great interest among our people regarding their backgrounds and families, and this should continue to grow as the historical materials are gathered.

Our thanks to all who have offered help and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles W. Turner

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

We wish to thank the conference for the privilege of serving you in the capacity of the Publicity Committee. The following action was taken:

1. The *Brethren Missionary Herald* magazine served as the main vehicle of getting information to the national Fellowship regarding conference. *Daily Devotions* was also used giving time of conference, housing accommodations and mini-programs.

2. Full schedules and programs were sent to all of the churches through the pastors at the

time of completion.

3. Special news released were sent to the local papers, such as the *Times Union*. These articles appeared in the Thursday edition of July 24. A further article was printed in the Wednesday, July 30, edition. The newspaper was informed of items of special interest, such as the sanctity of life presentation.

4. A press release was made available to all delegates and pastors to take home with them for their local papers.

Thank you again for the cooperation and the help in making our task a pleasant one.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Turner,

Tim Kennedy, Gordon Austin

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE REPORT

There were two new innovations tried this year. An R.V. was secured (at no cost) from a local dealer and this served as the hospitality booth. Also, through our committee, the con-

ference provided fruit for the display area.

Other activities included: (1) selling tickets for various banquets, (2) handle lost and found items, (3) keep an up-to-date message board, (4) arrange for rides, (5) handle registration for golf and tennis tournaments run by Grace College, (5) keep file of those who registered, (7) serve as changing table for baby, (8) get ballots for elections, (9) answer questions, and (10) calls regarding youth conference.

Suggestions for next year's committee:

(1) Pipe in services to booth.

(2) Arrange with organizations selling tickets for cash box and information from them on times of sales.

(3) Have doctors and nurses register as such in case of emergencies.

(4) Maybe parking space reserved for hospitality committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pacheco, chm.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 1979**

Assets:	
General Fund—	
Cash on hand	\$ 129,750
Notes and investments	47,110
Accounts receivable	39,374
Advances and prepaid expense	5,265
Accrued interest	621
Inventories	3,584
Real estate	63,715
Office equipment, less depreciation	8,850
Audiovisual equipment, less depreciation	3,435
Vehicles, less depreciation	200
Other assets	107,000
Total General Fund Assets	\$ 408,904
Restricted Gifts Fund—	
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 144,549
Investments	67,412
Accrued interest	222
Total Restricted Gifts and Fund Assets	\$ 212,183
Annuity Fund—	
Cash on hand and in banks	\$ 15,994
Accrued interest	128
Notes receivable	272,986
Marketable securities (at cost)	19,802
Total Annuity Fund Assets	\$ 308,910
Total Assets (all funds)	\$ 929,997
Liabilities and Net Worth:	
General Fund—	
Notes payable	\$ 31,852
Accrued interest payable	515
SMM funds for investment	2,500
Accounts payable	2,969
Missionary outfit funds	8,100
Fund balance (net worth)	362,968
Total General Fund Liabilities and Net Worth	\$ 408,904
Restricted Gifts Fund—	
Notes and accounts payable	\$ 10,320
Projects fund balance	62,648
Building fund balance	132,162
Relief Agency Brethren	7,053
Total Restricted Gifts Fund Liabilities and Net Worth	\$ 212,183

Annuity Fund—	
Annuity payments payable	\$ 1,809
Annuities in force	218,463
Fund balance	88,638
Total Annuity Fund Liabilities and Net Worth	\$ 308,910
Total Liabilities and Net Worth Net Worth (all funds)	\$ 929,997

**INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT
For the calendar year ending
December 31, 1979**

Income:	
General Fund—	
Gifts	\$ 1,240,487
Interest and miscellaneous	46,159
Total General Fund Income	\$ 1,286,646
Restricted Fund—	
Gifts	\$ 11,236
Interest and miscellaneous	4,215
Total Restricted Fund Income	\$ 140,451

Annuity Fund—	
Interest and miscellaneous	\$ 18,395
Total Annuity Fund Income	\$ 18,395
Total Income (all funds)	\$ 1,445,492

Expenses:	
General Fund—	
Administrational	\$ 136,385
Promotional	158,895
Missionary and field	1,015,734
Other	8,569
Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 1,319,583

Restricted Fund—	
Field expenditures	\$ 48,733
Relief Agency Brethren	16,232
Other	2,258
Total Restricted Fund Expenses	\$ 67,223

Annuity Fund—	
Annuity payments	\$ 14,575
Total Annuity Fund Expenses	\$ 14,575
Total Expenses (all funds)	\$ 1,401,381

(The audited report may be examined at the Foreign Missions Office.)

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Dryhill, Ky.—Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel. Pastor, Rev. Samuel Baer.

Ephrata, Pa.—Ephrata Area Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Edward Gross.

Goldendale, Wash.—Community Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. George Christie.

Goleta, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Louis Amundson.

Hartford City, Ind.—Grace Brethren Church. Interim pastor, Rev. Robert Ashman.

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Longview, Texas—Grace Brethren Church.

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Milroy, Pa.—Milroy Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Richard Horner.

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West Covina, Calif.—West Covina Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Dan Viveros.

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Akron, Ohio—Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Brown.

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Johnson City, Tenn.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. David Hitchman.

BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1979

	Brethren Home Missions	Com- bined*
ASSETS—		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 11,798	\$ 17,812
Offering and other receipts in transit . .	185,502	185,502
Savings accounts and marketable securities	101,073	101,191
Architectural accounts receivable		22,968
Accrued interest and other current assets .	17,496	17,624
Total current assets	\$ 315,869	\$ 345,097

Property and Equipment:		
Land	\$	\$ 36,000
Building		323,395
Autos and trucks . . .	83,904	88,104
Photographic equipment	19,972	19,972
Other equipment . . .	38,139	58,557
	<u>\$ 142,015</u>	<u>\$ 526,028</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	66,942	111,788
	<u>\$ 75,973</u>	<u>\$ 414,240</u>
Investments and Other Assets:		
Notes receivable . . .	\$ 122,144	\$ 126,530
Mission real estate . .	193,008	193,008
Annuities invested . .	523,271	539,462
	<u>\$ 838,423</u>	<u>\$ 859,000</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,230,265</u>	<u>\$ 1,618,337</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY—

Current Liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt . . . \$	4,000	\$ 4,655
Accounts and notes payable	16,384	16,698
Accrued annuity installments	7,156	9,757
Payroll withholdings .	30	30
Other current liabilities		417
Total current liabilities	\$ 27,570	\$ 31,557
Long-term debt: . . . \$	122,121	\$ 318,260
Less amounts due within one year	4,000	4,655
	<u>\$ 118,121</u>	<u>\$ 313,605</u>
Annuities:	\$ 526,271	\$ 697,528
Contingent liabilities:		
Total Liabilities . . .	\$ 671,962	\$ 1,042,690
Equity	558,303	575,647
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 1,230,265</u>	<u>\$ 1,618,337</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

	Brethren Home Missions	Com-bined*
Revenues:		
Offerings	\$ 788,569	\$ 788,569
Estates and annuities .	33,538	33,538
Architectural services		108,343
Construction services		3,005
Rent	1,700	29,707
Interest	48,998	50,157
	<u>\$ 872,805</u>	<u>\$ 1,013,319</u>
Other Income (expense):		
Interest		
Disposition of assets:		(260)
Gains	\$ 12,499	12,524
Losses		
Insurance, participation refund	37,662	37,662
Other	213	213
	<u>\$ 50,374</u>	<u>\$ 50,139</u>
Grand Total Income	\$ 923,179	\$ 1,063,458
Operating Expenses:		
Direct assistance . . . \$	606,104	\$ 606,104
Administration	190,175	294,008
Promotion	84,156	84,156
Payments to annuitants	37,662	63,930
	<u>\$ 918,097</u>	<u>\$ 1,048,198</u>

Excess (deficit) of revenue over expense	\$ 5,082	\$ 15,260
Equity, beginning of year	\$ 553,221	\$ 560,387
Equity, end of year . .	<u>\$ 558,303</u>	<u>\$ 575,647</u>

*The Combined Column includes all departments of the BHMC which are The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Brethren Building Ministries, Brethren Construction Company, and the Brethren Missions Building.

The financial statements and support records have been audited by the firm of Ashman, Prange, and Manion, Certified Public Accountants. A copy of their report is available upon written request to our office.

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND OPERATIONS

For fiscal year ended May 31, 1980

ASSETS:

Liquid Assets—	
Cash on hand and checking account . . . \$	4,597
Demand savings account	1,000
U.S. government securities, amortized cost . .	<u>1,791,070</u>
	\$ 1,796,667
Accrued Interest Receivable—	
Loans	42,491
Investments	<u>29,132</u>
	\$ 71,623
Loans Receivable—	
Churches	9,328,851
Organizations	554,080
Individuals	<u>53</u>
	\$ 9,882,984
Property and Equipment—	
Property	13,500
Equipment, less depreciation of \$40,912	<u>11,774</u>
	\$ 25,274
Other Assets—	\$ 504
Total Assets	<u>\$11,777,052</u>

LIABILITIES:

Customer savings deposits	\$10,954,753
Accrued savings interest payable . .	173,295
Accrued bank interest payable . . .	592
Accrued payroll taxes	898
Accrued salaries payable	414
Accounts payable	<u>1,820</u>
Total Liabilities	\$11,131,772

NET WORTH:

Fund balance	\$ 645,280
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$11,777,052</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For fiscal year ended May 31, 1980

OPERATING INCOME:

Interest on loans	\$ 692,628
Interest on reserve investments . . .	145,369
Rental income	840
Miscellaneous income	<u>3,736</u>
Total Operating Income	\$ 842,573

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Interest on savings deposits	\$ 641,997
Interest on bank notes	6,486
Salaries and services	56,891
Office expenses	14,044
Data processing	10,909
Contributions	10,250
Rent and property expense	8,651
Travel expenses	7,632
Promotion and advertising	7,455
Directors' expense	5,023
Depreciation	3,675
Stewardship ministry	3,600
Payroll taxes	2,810
Retirement fund	2,356
Legal and audit	1,435
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>1,484</u>
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 784,698

NET OPERATING INCOME \$ 57,875

OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES) . . . \$ (3,770)

NET INCOME \$ 54,105

The above statements and supporting financial records have been audited by a Certified Public Accountant by the firm of Dahms and Yarian, Warsaw, Indiana. The auditor's opinion and complete financial statements can be examined by any corporate member in the offices of the Brethren Investment Foundation, Inc.

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July 1, 1979, to June 30, 1980
(Pre-Audit)

Revenues:

Educational and General—

Tuition and fees \$2,553,473

Educational organized activities 200,105

Gifts and bequests 424,467

Endowment income 10,948

Other 75,045

Total Educational and General . . . \$3,264,038

Auxiliary Enterprises—

Housing 482,800

Food service 614,534

Other 107,291

Total Auxiliary Enterprises \$1,204,625

Total Revenues \$4,468,663

Expenditures:

Educational and General—

General administrative \$ 372,252

Student services 273,475

Development 216,078

General institutional 127,631

Instructional and departmental 1,103,280

Educational organized activities 266,944

Library 169,891

Operation and maintenance of

physical plant 356,878

Total Educational and General . . . \$2,886,429

Student Aid— \$ 275,873

Auxiliary Enterprises—

Housing \$ 484,199

Food Service 494,076

Other 79,578

Total Auxiliary Enterprises \$1,057,853

Transfers— \$ 241,000

Total Expenditures \$4,461,155

SURPLUS (Deficit) \$ 7,508

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1980 (Pre-Audit)

Assets:

Current Funds (Unrestricted and Restricted)—	
Cash and short term	\$ 193,561
Investments	16,622
Receivables	357,919
Inventories	53,254
Prepaid expenses	20,296
Total	\$ 641,652

Loan, Endowment, and Annuity Funds—	
Cash—NDSL	\$ 3,805
Cash and short term	214,174
Receivables—NDSL	627,035
Receivables—loans	118,213
Receivables—other	9,496
Investments	897,581
Due from other funds	168,000
Total	\$2,038,304

Plant Funds—	
Cash and short term	\$ 426,316
Receivables	106,894
Investments	173,993
Land and buildings	4,893,785
Equipment and books	1,885,664
Total	\$7,486,652

Agency Fund—	
Cash and short term	\$ 14,889
Total	\$ 14,889

Liabilities and Fund Balances:

Current Funds (Unrestricted and Restricted)—	
Accounts payable	\$ 126,303
Accrued payroll	28,928
Deposits	103,653
Deferred income	85,542
Restricted fund balance	153,450
Surplus (general fund)	143,776
Total	\$ 641,652

Loan, Endowment, and Annuity Funds—	
Liabilities	\$ 7,913
Loan fund balance—NDSL	623,921
Loan fund balance—inst.	280,170
Endowment fund balance	522,190
Annuity fund balance	604,110
Total	\$2,038,304

Plant Funds—	
Unexpended plant fund balance	\$ 707,203
Notes payable	127,783
Bonds payable	137,500
Mortgages payable	1,107,559
Due to other funds	168,000
Net investment in plant	5,238,607
Total	\$7,486,652

Agency Fund—	
Deposits	\$ 14,889
Total	\$ 14,889

The books of Grace Schools, Inc., for the fiscal year 1979-80, will be audited by Dahms and Yarian, Public Accountants, Warsaw, Indiana. The full audit report may be examined by any corporation member at the office of the Director of Business Affairs, Winona Lake, Indiana.

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January 1, 1979, to December 31, 1979

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash on hand	\$ 60,465.62
Accounts receivable	104,779.58
Notes receivable	16,500.00
Inventory—merchandise	285,808.98
Prepaid expenses	12,977.54
Total current assets	\$ 480,531.72
Investments	\$ 22,589.21
Non-current Assets	
Land	\$ 29,500.00
Buildings	252,837.15
Furniture and fixtures	134,769.82
Print shop equipment	151,279.90
Vehicles	10,714.93
Total	\$ 579,101.80

Less—accumulated depreciation	250,063.34
Total property and equipment	329,038.46
Total assets	\$ 832,159.39

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	
Notes payable	\$ 63,515.01
Accounts payable	6,730.63
Total current liabilities	\$ 70,245.64
Non-current Liabilities	
Annuities	\$ 16,500.00
Net worth	745,413.75
Total non-current liabilities	761,913.75
Total liabilities	\$ 832,159.39

CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT

Income:	
Merchandise sales	\$1,026,295.72
Cooperating boards	56,704.80
Rentals	11,960.00
Interest and misc.	7,044.26
Total business income	\$1,102,004.78
Cost:	
Purchases	\$ 574,521.02
Salaries	258,171.22
Operating expenses	226,499.59
Free literature	6,389.40
Contribution—GBC CE	7,700.00
Rental expenses	15,283.68
Total business costs	\$1,088,564.91
Total business gain	\$ 13,439.87
One-time gain, transfer of securi- ties from terminated non-quali- fied pension plan	\$14,160.00
Publication offering	\$ 55,121.11
Expenses	(8,151.14)
Offering net gain	\$ 46,969.97

Note: the books of the Brethren Missionary Her-
ald Company are open for inspection by any
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PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Read and study the Bible regularly.
2. Be a faithful prayer warrior (see Pen Pointer, "Women Manifesting Christ").
3. Active in evangelism (see Pen Pointer, "Women Manifesting Christ").
4. Encourage increased interest in SMM or aid in the establishment of SMM in your local church.
5. Give regularly to WMC—time, talent, and money as the Lord leads and prospers (see Pen Pointer "Working in My Church").
6. Support regular family devotions (see Pen Pointer, "What Is W.M.C.?"). Use of *Daily Devotions* is suggested.

COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

1. Observe a special time of prayer on the fifteenth day of the month (see Pen Pointer, "How To" and *Through the Years*).
2. Emphasize prayer for BSLV members, for district youth who made decisions for full-time Christian service.
3. Support district rallies and projects.
4. Contribute to major offerings: (Please send all money to the national WMC Financial Secretary Miss Joyce Ashman, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the program packet. *Make all checks payable to Grace Brethren National WMC*).
 - a. September, October, November—**HOME MISSIONS**—Send before December 10. Goal: \$8,500. Support for beginning a Navajo high school.
 - b. December, January, February—**GRACE SCHOOLS**—Send before March 10. Goal: \$8,500 to be used to refurbish the seminary lounge.
 - c. March, April, May—**FOREIGN MISSIONS**—Send before June 10. Goal: \$10,000, to be used as follows: 1. Building of new missionary residence. 2. Support of African pastor in Grace Seminary. 3. Typewriter for FMS office.
 - d. June, July, August—**WMC OPERATION AND PUBLICATION EXPENSES**—Send before September 10. Goal: \$8,000.
 - e. **THANK OFFERING FOR GRACE BRETHREN JEWISH MISSIONS**—Send any time before June 10. We suggest a minimum of \$1.50

a year per member.

f. **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFERING:** (SMM Girl-of-the-Year Scholarship and sponsorship of director of SMM). Send before April 30. Goal \$6,000. We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a year per member.

g. **BIRTHDAY OFFERING** to be received during the year toward the support of the WMC Birthday Missionaries honoring years of service. Send before June 10. We suggest a minimum goal of \$1.50 a year per member.

BIRTHDAY MISSIONARIES FOR 1980-81

1. Mrs. Martin (Beverly) Garber—C.A.R.
2. Mrs. Lynn (Mary) Hoyt—Argentina
3. Miss Barbara Hulse—Brazil
4. Mrs. Harold (Margaret) Mason—C.A.R.
5. Mrs. Jean-Claude (Martine) Vieuble—C.A.R.

5. Encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590:

1. *God! Who Else?* by Claire and Ruth Greiner (Family Christian Inspiration, Inc.); paperback, \$3.00
2. *Disciplines of the Beautiful Woman* by Anne Ortlund (Word Books); paperback, \$4.95
3. *The Journey* by Myrna Grant. This is the story of Rose Warmer, missionary to Israel (Tyndale Publishers); paperback, \$2.50

6. Use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works.

7. Aid in the expenses, if possible, of local president or representative to attend each district meeting and national WMC conference.

8. Elect officers by June 1 to assume their official duties in September. The national and district annual reports compiled by the retiring local president must be in the hands of the district president by June 30, 1981, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1980, through June 30, 1981. Seating of delegates at national conference is permissible only if annual report is returned.

9. Keep membership cards current (see Pen Pointer, "How To"). The membership chairman is responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council, and see that a new member receives and signs a membership card when she joins the local council. (These cards are available from the national Literature Secretary, Mrs. Ralph Hall.)

10. Read and use the Pen Pointers. These and other WMC literature can be obtained from the national Literature Secretary, Mrs. Ralph Hall. See order blank enclosed in program packet. It is suggested when possible to send a free-will offering with your requests to help cover mailing costs.

Pen Pointers available are:

- "Beyond Our Borders"
- "Home Frontiers"
- "How To in W.M.C."
- "Pattern for W.M.C."
- "Ways and Means"
- "Women Manifesting Christ"
- "Working in My Church"
- "What is W.M.C.?" (This one comes in pocket size and notebook size)

DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

1. Honor those reading the entire Bible.
2. Recognize the SMM at a district WMC program.

3. Use Brethren talent when available and support Brethren works.

4. Send district newspaper to national president, national editor, and district editors.

5. Sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national First Vice President, Mrs. Dean Risser, to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district, but the national first vice president should be advised for completion of her report.

6. Send all district offerings for national Brethren works to the national WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman.

7. Contribute an annual free-will offering, to be used as the committee in charge sees the need, toward furnishing and repair of the Foreign Missionary residence at Winona Lake, Indiana. Send to the national WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman.

8. Pay the district president's expenses to national conference.

9. Give financial assistance, so that the district SMM patroness may attend national conference, and/or the national seminar for district patronesses.

10. Contribute annually to the national Operation and Publication Expenses. Send to the national WMC Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by January 30.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1979-80

Balance on hand—July 1, 1979 . . . \$ 7,823.29

Receipts:

Operation and Publication	\$12,489.46
Home Missions	8,291.41
Grace Schools	7,463.56
Foreign Missions	11,856.81
Thank Offering	7,363.40
Missionary Birthday	7,374.44
Missionary Residence	1,604.30
Home Missions Specials	3,241.25
Foreign Missions Specials	8,729.37
Christian Education Department Specials	2,206.53
SMM—Christian Education Department	4,284.16
Grace Schools Specials	643.63
Total Receipts	\$75,548.32

Disbursements:	
Operation and Publication	\$14,254.90
Home Missions	8,291.41
Grace Schools	7,463.56
Foreign Missions	11,856.81
Thank Offering	7,363.40
Missionary Birthday	7,000.00
Missionary Residence	1,604.30
Home Missions Specials	3,241.25
Foreign Missions Specials	8,729.37
Christian Education Department Specials	2,206.53
SMM—Christian Education Department	4,284.16
Grace Schools Specials	643.63
Prepaid Expenses	924.25
Total Disbursements	\$77,863.57

SMM

Motto—"Serving My Master"

Colors

The SMM colors are white and green. *White* reminds us to worship God and symbolizes the purity of Jesus. *Green* reminds us to serve God and to grow in Him.

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1980-81 SMM OFFERINGS, GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS

OFFERINGS

*(Make checks payable to:
GBC Christian Education)*

1. Foreign Missions (due December 10, 1980). \$500 scholarship to Grace College for MK Beverly Hodgdon, and \$800 for Gestner Mimeograph for North Brazil.

2. GBC Christian Education (due March 10, 1981). Goal—\$2,000.

3. Home Interest—Grace College (due June 10, 1981). Goal—\$1,100 for Sony Video Tape unit for Speech and Drama department.

4. Operation SMM (due September 10, 1981). Goal—\$2,000.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. Each member have her own handbook.
2. Each active member completing at least one goal (not counting membership—for Little Sister and Amigas); or 75 percent of girls earning at least one charm (for Lumiere or Charis).

3. Complete at least one missionary handwork project.

4. Have one (Amigas or two Lumiere and Charis) officers meetings per year. One should be at the outset of the year and one at the end.

5. Take part in your church's annual SMM presentation.

6. Attend at least one district rally (not applicable if district does not have a rally or if distance is prohibitive).

7. An offering given for the district SMM project.

8. An offering given for each national SMM offering.

9. Return statistical report to district patronesses and GBC Christian Education Department no later than August 15.

10. Have evangelism or outreach emphasis (optional).

DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. Each district choose a district project yearly.

2. The district patroness should compile statistical blanks from local SMM patronesses and send a district report to the director of SMM by September 1. She should also keep a copy for her files.

3. The district should help to send its president or representative to attend a national district officers' meeting if being held at national youth conference.

4. The district patroness should contact newly organized churches or churches without SMMs and help to organize their groups or give ideas and suggestions.

5. Each district submit \$10 or more toward the "Girl-of-the-Year Coronation" expenses each year. This should be sent to the GBC Christian Education Department.

6. The district secretary should send a letter to the director of SMM reporting interesting activities within the district program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That local SMMs meeting all local organizational goals be recognized as honor SMMs and be sent certificates from national SMM.

2. That districts meeting all district organizational goals be recognized as honor districts by national SMM.

3. That the SMM "Girl of the Year" be selected and honored at Brethren National Youth Conference with all district nominations being sent to the director of SMM before July 15. Only districts following the same rules as the national contest will be eligible to enter a district candidate.

4. That each local SMM award their girls awards as they deem necessary.

5. The local SMM patroness submit the names of their girls completing the Bible reading and/or Bible memorization goals to the director of SMM for special awards from national SMM. Names should be included on the statistical blank received during the summer and submitted to the national director.

THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN MINISTERS

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Asst. Rec. Secy.—Tad Hobert

All sessions this year were held in the sanctuary of the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, and the edited minutes of these sessions follow:

TUESDAY, JULY 29

After a welcome by President Bill Snell, and prayer by Vice President Bill Smith, Knute Larson introduced our president for his keynote address: "A Word About Basics" in which he dealt with three questions: "Who is the God who has spoken?" "Why has He spoken?" and "What is the condition of those to whom He has spoken?"

In the business session, the membership report was presented and adopted; and the financial report was presented and adopted. Membership cards were available to district representatives.

Mr. Don Phelps of Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company explained how our churches could take advantage of a new group plan and save considerable insurance money.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

President Snell introduced Dr. John Whitcomb who brought a timely message (with available notes) on the timing of the rapture, entitled: "God Does Not Want the Church to Become Israelite."

Business included a motion to approve corrections and additions to the membership report as printed in the daily "Epistle." Luke Kauffman presented the nominating committee report, which resulted in the election of the officers listed above. Charles Ashman reported for the Minister's Handbook Revision Committee. Their work is almost completed and they asked for the appointment of several reviewers who will submit suggestions for the final draft. Reviewers appointed were: Jesse Deloe, Bernard Schneider, James Custer, Ed Cashman, Warren Tamkin, and Dean Fetterhoff.

A statement from the Southern California-Arizona District Ministerium concerning inactive elders was distributed for consideration and possible future action, and some discussion followed.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Pastor James Custer introduced our speaker for the day, Pastor John Willett, who brought an excellent message from John 15 on "Pruning for Fruitbearing." Three men then shared testimonies illustrating the message from their own experience.

Memorials were given for two men now with the Lord: Earle Peer spoke in memory of Adam Rager, and Glen Welborn in memory of Paul Davis.

A motion prevailed to adopt the corrections to the membership list as printed in the "Epistle." A recommendation of the executive committee was adopted that set the remuneration of the executive secretary at \$115 per month. The printed copies of the report of the committee on ministerial discipline were made available, one for each pastor, plus one for each church.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Bob Collitt introduced our guest speaker, Dave Breese, who spoke on current happenings in the light of the Bible.

A motion prevailed to adopt the corrections to the membership list and the minutes as printed in the daily "Epistle."

There was some discussion on the paper concerning inactive elders. North Atlantic District reported they have a manual of procedure that deals with this problem, too. The new officers were installed by the retiring president, and the meeting was adjourned.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 15, 1980

Balance on hand (7/20/79)	\$ 4,604.36
Receipts:	
Withdrawn from B.I.F. account . . .	\$ 2,000.00
National dues	13,989.50
District dues	160.00
National dues (over payment) . . .	55.00
Total receipts	<u>\$16,204.50</u>
	\$20,808.86
Disbursements:	
Death benefits	\$ 6,000.00
B.I.F. deposits	4,000.00
Exec. Secy. salary	1,200.00
Newsletter	434.69
Postage	40.00
Ministerium expense	687.65
District dues (refunds)	160.00
Miscellaneous expense*	<u>2,256.48</u>
Total disbursements	<u>\$14,778.82</u>
Checkbook balance (7/15/80) . . .	\$ 6,030.04
B.I.F. Account:	
Balance (7/20/80)	\$21,592.47
Deposits	\$ 4,000.00
Interest	<u>1,184.46</u>
Total in account	<u>\$26,776.93</u>
Withdrawals	<u>2,000.00</u>

Balance in account (7/15/80) . .	\$24,776.93
Total funds available	\$30,806.97
Net gain for the year	\$ 4,600.00
*Miscellaneous expense:	
Handbook Committee	\$ 109.30
Discipline Committee	
(includes printing of booklet) . .	1,242.18
Scholarships	850.00
National dues (over payments) . .	55.00
Total miscellaneous expense . .	<u>\$ 2,256.48</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph J. Colburn
Executive Secretary

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Location—Okeechobee, Fla.

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COOPERATING CHURCHES

Brooksville, Fla.—Grace Brethren

Clearwater, Fla.—Grace Brethren

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—Grace Brethren

Fort Myers, Fla.—Grace Brethren Bible

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Orlando, Fla.—Grace Brethren

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HAWAII

Hawaii District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Not yet determined.

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Waimalu, Hawaii—Waimalu Grace Brethren
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INDIANA

Indiana District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Oakwood Park, Syra-
cuse, Ind., May 1-2, 1981.

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berlin

CREDENTIALS

Chm.—Russell Simpson, additional members to
be appointed

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Name of Campgrounds—Camp Mack
Location—Milford, Ind.

YOUTH

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COOPERATING CHURCHES

Berne, Ind.—Bethel Brethren
Elkhart, Ind.—Grace Brethren
Flora, Ind.—Grace Brethren
Fort Wayne, Ind.—First Brethren
Fort Wayne, Ind.—Grace Brethren
Goshen, Ind.—Grace Brethren
Indianapolis, Ind.—Grace Brethren
Kokomo, Ind.—Indian Heights Grace Brethren
Kokomo, Ind.—North Kokomo Grace Brethren
Leesburg, Ind.—Leesburg Brethren
New Albany, Ind.—Grace Brethren
Osceola, Ind.—Bethel Brethren
Peru, Ind.—Peru Brethren
Sidney, Ind.—Sidney Grace Brethren
South Bend, Ind.—Ireland Road Grace Brethren
Warsaw, Ind.—Community Grace Brethren
Winona Lake, Ind.—Winona Lake Grace Brethren

IOWA—MIDLANDS

Iowa-Midlands Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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Park, Guthrie Center, Iowa, June 19-20,
1981

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52342
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CAMP

Dir.—Ron Weimer
Name of Campgrounds—Springbrook State Park
Location—Guthrie Center, Iowa

COOPERATING CHURCHES

Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Grace Brethren
Dallas Center, Iowa—First Brethren
Davenport, Iowa—Grace Brethren
Des Moines, Iowa—First Grace Brethren
Des Moines, Iowa—Grace Brethren
Garwin, Iowa—Carlton Brethren
Kansas City, Mo.—Grace Brethren
Leon, Iowa—Leon Brethren
Longview, Texas—Grace Brethren
North English, Iowa—Pleasant Grove Brethren
Omaha, Nebr.—Grace Brethren
Udell, Iowa—Udell Brethren
Waterloo, Iowa—Grace Brethren
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MICHIGAN

Michigan District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next conference: Hastings, Michigan,
April 23-25, 1981.

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RESOLUTIONS

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CAMP

Dir.—Bill Stevens
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YOUTH

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COOPERATING CHURCHES

Alto, Mich.—Calvary Grace Brethren
Berrien Springs, Mich.—Grace Brethren
Hastings, Mich.—Hastings Grace Brethren
Jackson, Mich.—Grace Brethren
Lake Odessa, Mich.—Grace Brethren
Lansing, Mich.—Grace Brethren
New Troy, Mich.—New Troy Grace Brethren
Ozark, Mich.—Grace Brethren

MID—ATLANTIC

Mid-Atlantic Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Grace Brethren Church
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Temple Hills, Md.—Grace Brethren of Greater Washington
Waynesboro, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Winchester, Va.—Grace Brethren

MOUNTAIN—PLAINS

Mountain-Plains District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

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Cheyenne, Wyo.—First Brethren
Colorado Springs, Colo.—Colorado Springs Grace Brethren
Denver, Colo.—Denver Grace Brethren
Portis, Kansas—First Brethren
Wichita, Kansas—Wichita Brethren

NORTHERN ATLANTIC

Northern Atlantic District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: Messiah College, Gran-
tham, Pa., May 29-31, 1981

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Elizabethtown, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Harrisburg, Pa.—Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren
Hatboro, Pa.—Suburban Grace Brethren
Hope, N.J.—Grace Brethren
Irasburg, Vt.—Grace Brethren

Island Pond, Vt.—Grace Brethren
Lancaster, Pa.—Grace Brethren of Greater Lancaster
Lancaster, Pa.—Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren
Lititz, Pa.—Grace Brethren
Manheim, Pa.—Manheim Grace Brethren
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NOR—CAL

Nor-Cal Fellowship of Brethren Churches

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Ripon, Calif.—Ripon Grace Brethren
Sacramento, Calif.—Sacramento Grace Brethren
San Jose, Calif.—South Bay Community
Tracy, Calif.—Tracy Grace Brethren

NORTHCENTRAL OHIO

Northcentral Ohio Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Next conference: To be announced.

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YOUTH

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Columbus, Ohio—Southwest Grace Brethren
Danville, Ohio—Grace Brethren
Delaware, Ohio—Grace Brethren
Findlay, Ohio—Grace Brethren
Fremont, Ohio—Grace Brethren
Fremont, Ohio—Grace Brethren Chapel
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Lexington, Ohio—Lexington Grace Brethren
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Mansfield, Ohio—Grace Brethren
Mansfield, Ohio—Woodville Grace Brethren
Marysville, Ohio—Union County Grace Brethren
Pataskala, Ohio—Grace Brethren of Licking County
Toledo, Ohio—Maumee Valley Grace Brethren
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NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Northeastern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

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Goldendale, Wash.—Community Grace Brethren
Grandview, Wash.—Grace Brethren

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 Kenai, Alaska—Kenai Grace Brethren
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 Prosser, Wash.—Community Grace Brethren
 Spokane Valley, Wash.—Spokane Valley Grace
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SOUTHEAST

Southeast District Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

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 Gospel Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.;
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Roanoke, Va.—Clearbrook Grace Brethren
Roanoke, Va.—Garden City Grace Brethren
Roanoke, Va.—Gospel Grace Brethren
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SOUTHERN

Southern District Fellowship Grace Brethren Churches

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—ARIZONA

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Southern Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches

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Southwest District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Western Pennsylvania District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

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dress: P.O. Box 655, 92223)
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BELL (Donald L. May)

Bell Brethren Church (41)
6830 Wilcox Ave., 90201 (Tel. 213/582-7033)
Mary Hardy, 6520 Marlow
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BELLFLOWER (Edwin E. Cashman)

Bellflower Brethren Church (588)
9405 E. Flower St., 90706
(Tel. 213/925-6561)
Dorothy Gibbons, 12932 E. Wolverton
Lane, Cerritos, 90701 (Tel. 213/865-5769)

CHICO (Victor S. Rogers)
 Grace Brethren Church of Chico (50)
 1505 Arbutus Ave., 95926
 (Tel. 916/342-8642)
 Dorothy Yeater, 819 Nancy Ln.
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CYPRESS (Steven C. Bradley)
 Grace Brethren Church of Cypress (69)
 9512 Juanita, 90630 (Tel. 714/826-6750)
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 Bible Brethren Church (120)
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 address: P.O. Box 892)
 (Tel. 213/914-2881)
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GOLETA (Louis Amundson)
 Grace Brethren Church (36)
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 (Tel. 805/967-9439)
 Mrs. Walter Cloonan, 6202 Momouth Ave.
 (Tel. 805/967-4358)

GRASS VALLEY (G. Arthur Carey)
 Community Brethren Church (30)
 506 Walsh St., 95945
 (Tel. 916/273-9618; 273-2645)
 Mrs. Leah Carey, 10778 Footwall Dr.

HEMET (Sheldon Perrine)
 Grace Brethren Church of Hemet (44)
 26121 S. Hemet St., 92343
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LA MIRADA (Richard Cron)
 Community Grace Brethren Church of
 La Mirada (45)
 12200 Oxford Dr., 90638
 (Tel. 213/947-5672)
 Mrs. Marian McBride, 13842 Valna Dr.,
 90605 (Tel. 213/693-1530)

LA VERNE (David Belcher)
 Grace Brethren Church (70)
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 Box 217, 91750) (Tel. 714/593-1204)
 Mrs. Garnet Stahl, 9983 Pradera St.,
 Montclair, 91763 (Tel. 714/621-1176)

LONG BEACH (Howard K. Altig)
 Community Grace Brethren Church (102)
 5885 Downey Ave., 90805
 (Tel. 213/634-1056)
 Mrs. Pat Bowers, 3502 Stevely, 90808
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LONG BEACH (David L. Hocking)
 Grace Brethren Church (2,249)
 3601 Linden Ave., 90807
 (Tel. 213/595-6881)
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LONG BEACH (Richard Rohrer)
 Los Altos Brethren Church (255)
 6565 Stearns St., 90815 (Tel. 213/596-3358)
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LONG BEACH (David W. Miller)
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 6095 Orange Ave., 90805 (corner of 61st
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LOS ANGELES (Frank J. Coburn)
 Community Brethren Church (61)
 5839 Whittier Blvd. (Mailing address: 756
 S. Keenan Ave., 90022)
 (Tel. 213/721-5972)
 Mrs. Dorothy Becker, 525 S. Russell Ave.,
 Monterey Park, 91754
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MISSION VIEJO (Milan Yerkovich)
 Saddleback Valley Grace Brethren Church
 (130)
 Meeting at La Madera Elementary School,
 25350 Serrano Rd., El Toro, CA 92630
 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 3527, Mis-
 sion Viejo, 92690) (Tel. 714/770-1025)
 Ralph McConahay, 2137 C. Ronda Granada,
 Laguna Hills, 92653

MODESTO (David J. Seifert)
 Big Valley Grace Community Church (455)
 605 Standiford Ave., 95350
 (Tel. 209/577-1604)
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 (Tel. 209/526-2877)

MODESTO (Joel Richards)
 La Loma Grace Brethren Church (228)
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 (Tel. 209/523-3738)
 Jim Wise, 4042 Toomes Rd.
 (Tel. 209/545-0238)

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 Montclair Grace Brethren Church (102)
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 (Tel. 714/983-7176)

NORWALK (Nickolas Kurtaneck)
 Grace Brethren Church (252)
 11005 Foster Rd., 90650 (Tel. 213/863-7322)
 Mrs. Helen Soverns, 14503 Crossdale Ave.
 (Tel. 213/863-4458)

ORANGE (J. Donald Byers, Jr.)
 Grace Brethren Church (78)
 2201 E. Fairhaven Ave., 92669 (Fairhaven
 and Newport Freeway)
 (Tel. 714/633-8867)
 Mrs. Ross Strachan, 2315 N. Hathaway St.,
 Santa Ana, 92701 (Tel. 714/558-0978)

PLACERVILLE (R. Darrell Anderson)
Sierra View Grace Brethren Church (11)
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Box 20, 95667) (Tel. 916/622-2015)
Daryll Keirn, 1875 Turkey Feather Lane
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RIALTO (Keith L. Zook)
Grace Community Church (86)
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(Tel. 714/875-6632)

RIPON (Richard Cripe)
Ripon Grace Brethren Church (208)
734 West Main St., 95366
(Tel. 209/599-3042)
Floyd Cover, 12813 W. Ripon Rd.
(Tel. 209/599-4415)

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Grace Brethren Church (20)
P.O. Box 8532, 92515
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David Swift, 3363 Vallejo, 92503
(Tel. 714/785-1677)

SACRAMENTO (Roy Halberg)
River City Grace Community Church (110)
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June Ehrhardt, 5842 Larry Wy., North
Highlands, 95660 (Tel. 916/332-5710)

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Grace Brethren Church (145)
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and Sterling) (Tel. 714/889-8695)
Mrs. Andrew Price, 28479 E. 3rd St., Sp. 3,
Highland, 92346 (Tel. 714/864-1341)

SAN DIEGO (Lynn D. Schrock)
Grace Brethren Church (92)
3455 Atlas St., 92111 (Tel. 714/277-5364)
Chuck Graham, 4311 50th St., 92115
(Tel. 714/287-7809)

SAN JOSE (Fenton McDonald)
South Bay Community Church (63)
4610 Camden Ave., 95124
(Tel. 408/269-1289)
Jerry Langford, 1042 Parkinson Court,
95126 (Tel. 408/287-2385)

SAN YSIDRO (Jesus Davalos)
San Ysidro Grace Brethren Church (72)
3756 Sunset Ln., 92173 (All mail to pastor's
address) (Tel. 714/428-3445)
Isavel Avina, 1939 Isla Del Carmen Way,
San Diego, 92713 (Tel. 714/428-5001)

SANTA ANA (Francisco Javier Peraza)
Maranatha Grace Brethren Church
(Spanish-speaking) (27)
Meeting at 1704 W. First St., 92703
(Tel. 714/541-9312)
Alva Gonzales, 506 S. Shelton St.

SANTA MARIA (Ralph Schwartz)
Grace Brethren Church (31)
223 E. Fesler, 93454 (Tel. 805/922-4991)
Mrs. Annette Coleman, 4533 Eileen Ln.
(Tel. 805/927-4761)

SEAL BEACH (Michael Ryan)
Grace Brethren Church (507)
138 Eighth St., 90740 (Tel. 213/596-1605)
Jim Whitson, 701 Coastline
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SIMI VALLEY (E. John Gillis)
Grace Brethren Church of Simi Valley (364)
2762 Avenida Simi, 93065
(Tel. 805/527-0195)
Mrs. Diane Clark, 3390 Wichita Falls Ave.,
93063 (Tel. 805/522-1279)

SOUTH PASADENA (John Sturley)
Fremont Avenue Brethren Church (55)
920 Fremont Ave., 91030
(Tel. 213/799-6081)
Mark Wratten, 1173 E. Lexington,
Altadena, 91104 (Tel. 213/791-1060)

TEMPLE CITY (David L. Willett)
Temple City Grace Brethren Church (74)
5537 Temple City Blvd., 91780
(Tel. 213/286-6342)
Mrs. Geri Wechtenhiser, 9659 Broadway
Ave. (Tel. 213/286-0782)

TORRANCE (Tom Hughes)
South Bay Grace Brethren Church (68)
4600 Merrill St., 90503 (Tel. 213/540-4338)
Judy Willeman, (Tel. 213/379-7871)

TRACY (Darrell Wenzek)
Grace Brethren Church (59)
1480 Parker Ave., 95376
(Tel. 209/835-0732)
Lori Warner, 150 E. Highland
(Tel. 209/835-0843)

WEST COVINA (Dan Viveros)
New Life Grace Brethren Church (37)
710 N. Lark Ellen, 91791
(Tel. 213/332-0682)
Sylvia Villalpando, 15537 Ladysmith,
Hacienda Heights, 91745
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WESTMINSTER (Robert C. Klierer)
Westminster Brethren Church (206)
14614 Magnolia Ave., 92683
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Carolyn Hastings, 3283 Arizona Ln.,
Costa Mesa, 92626

WHITTIER (John W. Mayes)
Community Grace Brethren Church of
Whittier and La Mirada (541)
11000 E. Washington Blvd., 90606 (2 blocks
east of 605 Freeway) (Tel. 213/692-0588)
Mrs. Marian McBride, 13842 Valna Dr.,
90605 (Tel. 213/693-1530)

WHITTIER (Lloyd Woolman)
Grace Brethren Church (312)
6704 Milton Ave. (Mailing address: P.O.
Box 174, 90608) (Tel. 213/698-0914)

YUCCA VALLEY (Roger Mayes)
Grace Brethren Church (35)
6300 Ruth Dr., 92284 (Tel. 714/365-3005)
Tom Reed, 55543 El Dorado Dr.
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COLORADO

ARVADA (Dayne E. Nix)
Hackberry Hill Grace Brethren Church (30)
7100 Wadsworth Blvd. (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 1225, 80001) (Tel. 303/424-3116)
Mrs. Marvin Page, 7042 Quay St., 80003
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COLORADO SPRINGS (F. Thomas Inman)
Grace Brethren Church (134)
2975 Jet Wing, 80916 (Tel. 303/390-8096)
Shirley Buck, 7320 Franconia, Widefield,
80911 (Tel. 303/390-8434)

DENVER (Lester Reid)
Denver Grace Brethren Church (83)
700 S. Federal Blvd., 80219
(Tel. 303/934-7876)
Mrs. Mary Davis, 2855 W. Kentucky Ave.,
(Tel. 303/935-1429)

DELAWARE

NEWARK (Timothy Coyle)
Grace Brethren Church (13)
Meeting at Newark Center for Creative
Learning, 401 Phillips Ave. (All mail to
pastor's address)

FLORIDA

BROOKSVILLE (William Willard)
Grace Brethren Church (50)
Meeting at Eastside Elementary School in
Hill-N-Dale, 6 mi. east of Brooksville, on
Rt. 50-98. (Mailing address: 239 Fifth
Ave., Hill-N-Dale, 33512)
(Tel. 904/796-7172)
Mrs. Mary Justice, Rt. 9, Box 1460

CLEARWATER (Dan Younger)
Grace Brethren Church of Clearwater (34)
Meeting at York Rite Masonic Bldg., 407
Belcher Rd. N., Clearwater (Mailing ad-
dress: P.O. Box 522, Palm
Harbor, 33563) (Tel. 813/937-5004)
Mrs. Val Curtis, 2341 Haitian Dr., 33515
(Tel. 813/443-0723)

FORT LAUDERDALE (Charles R. Davis)
Grace Brethren Church (144)
1800 N. W. Ninth Ave., 33311
(Tel. 305/763-6766)
Ed Caple, 6050 N.E. 6th Terrace, 33334
(Tel. 305/776-1959)

FORT MYERS
Grace Brethren Bible Church (114)
2141 Crystal Dr., 33907 (in the Villas, one
block off Rt. 41, five miles south of city)
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Mrs. Paul Manley, 8836 Geneva St.

MAITLAND (R. Paul Miller)
Grace Brethren Church (111)
Wymore Rd. (½ mile north of
Maitland Blvd. Interchange on I-4) (Mail-
ing address: Box 762, 32751)
(Tel. 305/628-8816)
Mrs. James Zirkel, 260 W. Highland,
Altamonte Springs, 32701
(Tel. 305/869-6384)

MELBOURNE (Earl D. Moore)
Grace Brethren Church of Melbourne (11)
2857 Pembroke Rd., 32935
(Tel. 305/254-8993)
Glenn Ernsberger, 260 W. Endicott Rd.
(Tel. 305/259-6608)

NORTH LAUDERDALE (Jack K. Peters, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church (57)
6002 Kimberly Blvd., 33068
(Tel. 305/972-0542)
Claudine Brooks, 4850 N. W. Tenth Ter.
(Tel. 305/776-5116)

OKEECHOBEE (John L. Diaz)
Grace Brethren Church (200)
701 S. Parrott Ave. (Mailing address: Box
656, 33472) (Tel. 813/763-3218)
Mrs. Shirley Conrad, 105 N. E. 4th St.
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ORLANDO (Edward A. Jackson)
Grace Brethren Church of Orlando (54)
5425 S. Apopka-Vineland Rd., 32811
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ORMOND BEACH (Gary M. Cole)
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(80)
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POMPANO BEACH (Russell W. Betz)
Grace Brethren Church of Pompano Beach
(68)
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(Tel. 305/781-6491)

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Grace Brethren Church of St. Petersburg
(88)
6300 62nd Ave., N., Pinellas Park, 33565
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(110)
3079 Hidden Forest Ct., Marietta, 30066
(Tel. 404/422-3844)
Mrs. Jerry Hicks, 2002 Smith Dr.,
Kennesaw, 30144 (Tel. 404/424-0254)

HAWAII

AIEA (James Kennedy)
Waimalu Grace Brethren Church (103)
98-404 Ponohale St., 96701
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Mrs. Harold Steinhoff, 98-515 Kiliohu
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EWA BEACH (C. L. "Kip" Coffman)
Rainbow Grace Brethren Church (52)
91-779 Fort Weaver Rd., 96706
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Mrs. Arleen Alejado, 91-824 Oama St.
(Tel. 808/689-6398)

WAIHAWA (Foster Tresise)
Waipio Grace Brethren Church (84)
95-303 Waioni St., 96786
(Tel. 808/623-5313)
Miss Ellen Nagao, 95-108 Waimakua Dr.
(Tel. 808/623-2116)

INDIANA

BERNE (Larry Edwards)
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Mrs. Robert Myers, R. R. 2
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CLAY CITY (Robert G. Clouse)
First Brethren Church (35)
Tenth and Cook Sts., (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 85, 47841)
Miss Lavaughn Backfisch, R. R. 1,
(Tel. 812/939-2620)

ELKHART (Everett Caes)
Grace Brethren Church (167)
24775 CR 20 E., 46517
(Tel. 219/875-5271)
Mrs. Laverne Stevens, 25573 CR 24 W.
(Tel. 219/875-6645)

FLORA (Donald R. Taylor)
Grace Brethren Church (96)
103 S. Willow St., 46929
(Tel. 219/967-3020)
Rosanna Fife, R. R. 1, Bringhurst, 46913
(Tel. 219/967-3201)

FORT WAYNE (Galen M. Lingenfelter)
First Brethren Church (255)
3326 S. Calhoun St., 46807
(Tel. 219/744-1065)
Mrs. Linda Burris, 2011 Graham Dr., 46808
(Tel. 219/489-3257)

FORT WAYNE (Gene Witzky)
Grace Brethren Church (122)
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(Tel. 219/485-3021)
Mrs. Gene Fahlsing, 4979 Mamie Dr.
(Tel. 219/486-3779)

GOSHEN (Kenneth Bickel)
Grace Brethren Church (95)
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(Tel. 219/533-7546)
Mrs. Dorothy Brumbaugh, 22864 St. Rd.
119 (Tel. 219/533-3715)

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Grace Brethren Church (125)
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Mrs. Vera Jackson, 6302 Legend Ln.,
Apt. 3 (Tel. 317/297-0706)

KOKOMO (J. Ward Tressler)
Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church
(133)
725 E. Center Rd., 46901
(Tel. 317/453-0933)
Mrs. Wanda Burns, R 2, Frankfort,
46041

KOKOMO (Jay Fretz)
North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church
(103)
105 W. Cassville Rd., 46901
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Mrs. Dick Helvig, 528 Cassville Rd. E.
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LEESBURG (Ralph S. Burns)

Leesburg Grace Brethren Church (131)
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Mrs. Shelly Reeve, 1322 Copeland,
Warsaw, 46580

NEW ALBANY (Russell E. Simpson)

New Albany Grace Brethren Church (15)
Meeting at 411 W. Harrison Ave.,
Clarksville (Mailing address: 119 Hills
Dr., Clarksville, 47130)
(Tel. 812/283-5913)
C. Fred Nietter, RR 2, Box 177, Georgetown
47122 (Tel. 812/951-3070)

OSCEOLA (Ward A. Miller)

Grace Brethren Church (340)
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Elkhart, 46514 (Tel. 219/295-5063)

PERU (James B. Marshall)

Peru Brethren Church (98)
436 S. Broadway (Mailing address: P.O.
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SIDNEY (A. Rollin Sandy)

Sidney Grace Brethren Church (103)
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chester, 46962 (Tel. 219/839-5893)

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1701 E. Ireland Rd., 46614
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909 S. Buffalo St., 46580
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1200 Kings Highway, 46590
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305 Hatton St., (Mailing address: P.O. Box
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Mrs. Beverly Foughty, 1103 Maple Ave.
(Tel. 515/992-3339)

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Grace Brethren Church (93)
3919 N. Elsie Ave., 52806
(Tel. 319/391-5356)
Mrs. Dennis Zuber, 313 N. Mississippi,
Blue Grass, 52726 (Tel. 319/381-2444)

DES MOINES (Richard Sellers)

First Grace Brethren Church
(Mailing address: 909 Lyon St., 50316)
(Tel. 515/266-9944)
Mrs. Dwight Ellis, 5995 S.E. 104th Run-
nells, 50237 (Tel. 515/966-2284)

GARWIN (John Sholly)

Carlton Brethren Church (138)
R. 1, 50632 (6½ miles southwest of Garwin)
(Tel. 515/499-2358)
Mrs. Carl Kouba, R. 1, Toledo, 52342
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LEON (Glen H. Welborn)

Leon Brethren Church (99)
108 W. Fourth St., 50144 (All mail to
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Mrs. Ray Andrew, R. 2 (Tel. 515/446-6563)

NORTH ENGLISH (Arthur McCrum)

Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church (66)
R. 1, Box 33, 52316 (2 miles east of
Millersburg, 7 miles northwest of North
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Gretchen White, 323 E. Oak St.
(Tel. 319/664-3108)

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Udell Grace Brethren Church (40)
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Grace Brethren Church (439)
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50701 (Tel. 319/232-6380)

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Grace Brethren Church of Portis (115)
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Mrs. Carol Noel, (Tel. 913/346-2911)

WICHITA (Donald E. Eshelman)

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1123 N. Terrace, 67208
(Tel. 316/688-0907)
Jeannie Cummings, 1451 N. Kokomo,
Derby, 67037 (Tel. 316/788-4132)

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Box 219, 41317 (Highway 476, 4 miles east
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Mrs. Karen Abner, Brewer Subdivision,
Jackson, 41339 (Tel. 606/666-7843)

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Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel
(31)
R. 3, Dryhill, 41749 (9 miles north of Hyden
on Route 257) (Tel. 606/672-2520)
Lois Jean Valentine, Confluence,
41730 (Tel. 606/672-2455)

MARYLAND

ACCIDENT

Grace Brethren Church (54)
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Mrs. Shirley Burns (Tel. 301/387-6805)

CUMBERLAND (Michael D. Funderburg)

Cumberland Grace Brethren Church (70)
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Mrs. Betty Zembower, R. 4, Mexico Farms
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HAGERSTOWN (Curtis W. Stroman)

Calvary Grace Brethren Church (168)
Bryan Pl. and W. Franklin St., 21740
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Rollin Carpenter, 16 Springcreek Rd.
(Tel. 301/733-6638)

HAGERSTOWN (Daniel S. Eshleman)

Valley Grace Brethren Church (76)
Gay and Allen Sts. (Halfway Area), 21740
(Tel. 301/582-0155)
Glenn Ward, 221 Longview Rd.
(Tel. 301/739-6032)

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Spruce St., 21740) (Tel. 301/739-1726)
John Sytch, 1610 W. Washington St.
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HAGERSTOWN (Jack K. Peters, Sr.)

Maranatha Brethren Church (292)
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(Tel. 301/733-7117)
Stanley Grubbs, Rt. 4, Smithsburg 21783
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6940 Hanover Pkwy. 301, Greenbelt,
20770 (Tel. 301/345-3866)

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Grace Brethren Church of Greater
Washington (400)
5000 St. Barnabas Rd., 20031
(Tel. 301/894-2722)
Mrs. Grace Thrift, 2417 Lisa Dr., Waldorf,
20601 (Tel. 301/843-6501)

WESTERNPORT

Mill Run Grace Brethren Church (32)
R. R. 1, Box 75, 21562 (4 miles north of
Westernport, west off Route 36)
Diana Grady, Pearl St., Piedmont, W.Va.
26750

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ALTO (Robert C. Moeller)

Calvary Grace Brethren Church (98)
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Bernie Smith, 11478 Potters Rd., R. 3,
Lowell, 49331 (Tel. 616/897-9549)

BERRIEN SPRINGS (Christian Becker)

Grace Brethren Church (19)
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HASTINGS (Russell Sarver)

Hastings Grace Brethren Church (25)
600 Powell Rd. (Mailing address: 2966 E.
Center Rd., 49058)
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JACKSON (Harry Froehlich, Interim)

Grace Brethren Church (70)
4100 Clinton Rd., 49201 (Tel. 517/784-1048)
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Grace Brethren Church (115)
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48849) (Tel. 616/374-7796)
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Grace Brethren Church (36)
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(Tel. 517/323-2424)
Mrs. Ray Myers, 12381 Broadbent,
48917 (Tel. 517/627-6385)

NEW TROY

New Troy Grace Brethren Church (100)

Corner of Weechik and California Rds.,

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(Tel. 616/426-3121)

Mrs. Robert Gahris, 1006 Wadena Rd., St.

Joseph, 49085 (Tel. 616/429-0337)

OZARK (John Wm. Lancaster)

Grace Brethren Church (59)

Ozark Rt., Moran, 49760 (5½ miles east

and 1 mile south of Trout Lake on H-40)

(Tel. 906/643-9545)

Edith Sherman, Box 42, Fibre, 49732

MINNESOTA

WINONA (Larry Richeson)

Grace Brethren Church (22)

627 W. Wabasha, 55987 (Tel. 507/454-2045)

Mrs. A. E. Bearden, 635 E. Main St.,

Lewiston, 55952 (Tel. 507/523-2510)

MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY (Robert D. Whited)

Grace Brethren Church (16)

N.E. 71st and Locust (Mailing address: 101

N.E. 88th Ter., 64155)

(Tel. 816/436-7346)

Mrs. Jeannette Whited (church address)

NEBRASKA

BEAVER CITY (Gilbert Hawkins)

Grace Brethren Church (30)

Corner of 12th and "O" Sts. (Mailing

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(Tel. 308/268-5821)

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OMAHA (Gary Miller)

Grace Brethren Church (48)

2502 N. 51st St., 68104 (Tel. 402/551-9996)

Bob McMaster, 12589 Orchard St.,

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NEW JERSEY

HOPE (John R. Moore)

Grace Brethren Church of Hope (34)

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(Tel. 201/459-4876)

Earl Tarr, Box 120 (Tel. 201/459-4811)

MT. LAUREL (Robert M. Spicer)

Grace Brethren Church (90)

822 S. Church St., 08054

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Mrs. Kay Lee, 126 Crest Ave., Berlin,

08009 (Tel. 609/767-8521)

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE

Grace Brethren Church (54)

149 Daniel Circle, N.W., 87107

(Tel. 505/898-2554)

Mrs. Esther Leyba, 265 Mitchell Dr., Bos-

que Farms, 87068 (Tel. 505/869-2305)

ALBUQUERQUE (Jonathan Hall)

Heights Grace Brethren Church (15)

2518 Eubank Blvd., N.E., 87112

(Tel. 505/296-8087)

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87107

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Community Navajo Grace Brethren Church

(Brethren Navajo Mission) (18)

Counselor, 87018 (35 miles west of Cuba on

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First Brethren Church of Taos (237)

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(Tel. 505/758-3388)

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CHARLOTTE (Stephen Jarrell)

Grace Brethren Church (14)

All Mail to: 5534 #6 Northstream Dr., 28208

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Mrs. James Tilley, 6700 Manderly Dr.,

28214 (Tel. 704/394-3000)

OHIO

AKRON (Kenneth J. Brown)

Fairlawn Grace Brethren Church (40)

754 Ghent Rd., 44313 (Tel. 216/666-8341)

Maryanne Crookston, 2488 Monica Dr.,

Richfield, 44286 (Tel. 216/659-4294)

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Ellet Grace Brethren Church (299)

530 Stetler Ave., 44312 (Ellet area)

(Tel. 216/733-2520)

Mrs. Mary Bry, 438 Stevenson Ave.

(Tel. 216/784-1582)

ANKENYTOWN (Thomas A. Bailey)

Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church (228)

R. R. 1, Bellville, 44813 (4½ miles N.E. of

Fredericktown on State Route 95)

(Tel. 614/694-6936)

Mrs. Esther Daniels, Rt. 1, Fredericktown,

43019

ASHLAND (Knute Larson)
Grace Brethren Church (539)
1144 W. Main, 44805 (Tel. 419/289-8334)
Mrs. Leona Miller, 1008 Wick Ave.
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ASHLAND (Donald G. Farner)
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Katherine and Budd Sts., 44805
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Leonard Augler, 1105 Priscilla Ln.
(Tel. 419/289-1467)

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Grace Brethren Church (41)
121 S. Enterprise St., 43402
(Tel. 419/352-6635)
Bernice Aguilar, 402 E. Court
(Tel. 419/352-8806)

BROOKVILLE (Jeff Davis, Interim)
Brookville Grace Brethren Church (275)
12152 Westbrook Rd. (Tel. 513/833-5562)
Kenneth Landis, 11050 Old Dayton Rd.,
New Lebanon, 45345

CAMDEN (William H. Schaffer)
Grace Brethren Church (36)
96 W. Central Ave., 45311
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CANAL FULTON (Robert V. Carmean)
Grace Brethren Chapel (31)
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8510 Erie Ave., N.W. (Mailing address:
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CANTON (Terrance Taylor)
Grace Brethren Church (241)
6283 Market Ave., N., 44721
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North Canton, 44720 (Tel. 216/494-1198)

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Centerville Grace Brethren Church (80)
410 E. Social Row Rd., 45459
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CLAYTON (Stephen D. Knierim)
Clayton Grace Brethren Church (64)
Box 8, 45315 (Salem and Kimmel Rd.)
(Tel. 513/836-1689)
Jon E. Beam, 6617 Sweet Potato Ridge
Rd., Englewood, 45322
(Tel. 513/884-5363)

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Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church (39)
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44124 (Tel. 216/442-5353)
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Mayfield Heights, 44124
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COLUMBUS (Randy Bowman)
East Side Grace Brethren Church (287)
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6675 Worthington-Galena Rd., Worthing-
ton, 43085 (Tel. 614/888-7733)
Daryl Bell, 8974 Worthington Rd.,
Westerville, 43081 (Tel. 614/882-6973)

COLUMBUS (Quentin Matthes)
Southwest Grace Brethren Church (24)
Meeting at Briggs High School, 2555
Briggs Rd. (All mail to pastor's address)
Mrs. Patricia Fitzsimmons, 1059 Moncrief
Ave., 43207

COOLVILLE (Robert Wm. Markley, Sr.)
Grace Brethren Church (66)
Seminary and Rock Sts. (off Routes 50 and
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(Tel. 614/667-3710)

COVINGTON (Randall E. Maycumber)
Grace Brethren Church (66)
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Dorma Wise, 6767 W. Thomas Rd., Plea-
sant Hill, 45359 (Tel. 513/676-3692)

CUYAHOGA FALLS (Bud Olszewski)
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Grace Brethren Church (54)
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315, 43014) (Tel. 614/599-7390)
Mrs. Fred Hughett, P.O. Drawer U, 43014
(Tel. 614/599-7583)

DAYTON (Russell M. Ward)
Basore Road Grace Brethren Church (108)
5900 Basore Rd., 45415 (Tel. 513/837-3747)
Miss Barbara Ward, 116 Commons Ave.,
Englewood, 45322 (Tel. 513/836-9092)

DAYTON (G. Forrest Jackson)
First Brethren Church (403)
1684 Earlham Dr. (at Philadelphia Dr.),
45406 (Tel. 513/276-3981)
Mrs. Roy Trissel, church address

DAYTON (James L. Poyner)
Grace Brethren Church of Huber Heights
(172)
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(Tel. 513/233-4324)
Linda K. Penn, 7259 Cohasset Dr.
(Tel. 513/236-1352)

- DAYTON** (Tad K. Hobert)
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Mrs. Barbara Setser, 416 Ashwood Ave.,
45405 (Tel. 513/274-2833)
- DELAWARE** (Dale A. Forrest)
Grace Brethren Church (50)
Meeting at Seventh Day Adventist Church,
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address)
Mrs. Colleen Bilsing, 18 Griswold St., 43015
- ELYRIA** (Roy Polman)
Grace Brethren Church (94)
1305 Nash Ave., 44035 (Tel. 216/366-0755)
Mrs. Robert Shultz, 521 Vermont Rd.
(Tel. 216/365-5414)
- ENGLEWOOD**
Englewood Grace Brethren Church (216)
307 W. Wenger Rd., 45322
(Tel. 513/836-1467)
Mrs. Thomas Tully, Jr., R. 1, Box 74-2
Farmersville, 45425 (Tel. 513/696-2542)
- FINDLAY** (Thomas E. Goossens)
Findlay Grace Brethren Church (61)
209 Lexington Ave., 45840
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- FREMONT** (Leland Friesen)
Grace Brethren Church (239)
900 Smith Rd., 43420 (Tel. 419/332-2623)
Mrs. Jack Kimball, 551 Crestwood Ave.
(Tel. 419/332-6580)
- FREMONT** (Timothy Waggoner)
Grace Brethren Chapel (61)
1611 North St., 43420 (Tel. 419/332-8190)
Nancy Brown, 1013 Cleveland St.
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Grace Brethren Church (64)
1055 Winchester Rd., 44833
(Tel. 419/468-6848)
Mrs. Carl Gibson, 1975 Fairfield Rd.
(Tel. 419/468-3049)
- HOMERVILLE** (Robert F. Holmes)
West Homer Brethren Church (178)
8156 Firestone Rd., 44235
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Donna Crosby, 10115 Greenwich Rd., Lodi,
44254 (Tel. 216/948-1136)
- KETTERING** (Richard D. Robbins)
Calvary Brethren Church (38)
2850 E. Dorothy Ln., 45420
(Tel. 513/293-5822)
Mrs. L. B. Ford, 265 E. Whipp Rd., Dayton,
45459 (Tel. 513/434-2729)
- LEXINGTON** (C. Dean Risser)
Grace Brethren Church (207)
P. O. Box 3009 (On State Route 97 at
corner of W. Main St. and Steam
Corners Rd.) 44904 (Tel. 419/884-2687)
Mrs. Janice Ford, R. R. 7, 278 Frederick
St. (Tel. 419/884-1114)
- LIMA** (Bill Crabbs)
Grace Brethren Church of Lima (32)
104 E. Main St., Elida, 45807
(Tel. 419/339-7822)
Don Dollens, 2779 Lilly Dr., Elida, 45807
- MANSFIELD** (J. Hudson Thayer)
Grace Brethren Church (317)
531 Marion Ave., 44903 (corner of Marion
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James Rosser, 1673 Helena Dr., 44904
(Tel. 419/756-3845)
- MANSFIELD** (George Wallace)
Woodville Grace Brethren Church (209)
580 Woodville Rd., 44907
(Tel. 419/524-8552)
Mrs. Evelyn Ridenour, Box 2626, 44906
(Tel. 419/524-9811)
- MARYSVILLE** (Roger Krynock)
Watkins Grace Brethren Church (21)
10837 Watkins Rd., 43061
Richard Liedtke, 15834 Valleyview Dr.,
43040 (Tel. 513/644-2960)
- MIDDLEBRANCH** (Stanley D. Nairn)
Grace Brethren Church (159)
2911 William St., N.E. (Mailing address:
P.O. Box 43, 44652) (Tel. 216/499-6691)
Mrs. Kenneth Kinsley, 245 James St., S.W.
North Canton, 44720 (Tel. 216/494-5111)
- MINERVA** (Galen W. Wiley)
Minerva Grace Brethren Church (74)
22797 Ellsworth Ave., 44657
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Amy Bednar, 6299 Homeworth Rd., Home-
worth, 44634 (Tel. 216/862-2629)
- NORTON** (Robert P. Combs)
Grace Brethren Church of Norton (130)
3970 Cleveland-Massillon Rd., 44203
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Fred Thomas, 349 Highland Ave.,
Wadsworth, 44281 (Tel. 216/336-3798)
- PATASKALA** (Frank H. Gardner, Jr.)
Grace Brethren Church of Licking County
(80)
3517 Headley's Mill Rd., 43062
(Tel. 614/927-6543)
Dorothy Crawford, 3723 Paris Blvd.,
Westerville, 43081 (Tel. 614/882-8243)

RITTMAN (Robert A. Russell)
First Brethren Church (319)
44 S. First St., 44270 (Tel. 216/925-3626)

SINKING SPRING (Alan Seaborne)
Grace Brethren Church (38)
Box 55, 45172 (One block west from State
Rte. 41 and Rte. 124)
Pamela Thompson, R. 4, Pinhook Rd.,
Hillsboro, 45133

STERLING (Art Sprunger)
Grace Brethren Church (109)
14960 Seville Rd., 44276
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Doris Beichler, R. R. 1, Creston, 44217

TOLEDO (Jeffrey A. Carroll)
Maumee Valley Grace Brethren Church (26)
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(Meeting at: 3505 W. Lincolnshire Blvd.)
(Tel. 419/537-9877)
Lucy Burris, 203 Promenade, Swanton,
43558 (Tel. 419/825-1764)

TROTWOOD (Charles E. Lawson)
Grace Brethren Church (114)
12 Strader Dr., 45426 (across from Trot-
wood-Madison High School)
(Tel. 513/854-2521)
Mrs. Ruth Garber, 6100 Range Line Rd.,
West Milton, 45383 (Tel. 513/698-6852)

TROY (Roy E. Glass)
Grace Brethren Church (70)
527 N. Market St., 45373
(Tel. 513/335-1852)
Donna Tolbert, 4830 Scarff Rd., New Car-
lisle, 45344 (Tel. 513/845-0002)

UNION (Ronald Picard)
Community Grace Brethren Church (264)
7260 S. State Rt. 48, 45322
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Marty Kuhns, 9080 W. St. Rt. 55
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VANDALIA (Philip Steele)
Vandalia Grace Brethren Church (100)
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Mrs. Marilyn Shoup, 7181 Peters Rd.,
Dayton, 45414 (Tel. 513/890-3504)

WALBRIDGE (Toledo) (Richard Hopkins)
Calvary Grace Brethren Church (63)
209 N. Main St., 43465 (Tel. 419/666-9789)
Miss Debbie Slaven, church address

WEST ALEXANDRIA (Percy Miller)
Grace Brethren Community Church (30)
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213 Marilee Dr., New Lebanon, OH 45345)
(Tel. 513/687-2987)
Mrs. Sandra Swafford, R. 2
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WOOSTER (Kenneth B. Ashman)
Grace Brethren Church (621)
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Box 1, 44691) (Tel. 216/264-9459)
Mrs. Glenn Moore, church address
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OREGON

ALBANY (Melvin J. Taylor)
Grace Brethren Church (53)
801 S. E. Ermine, 97321 (Tel. 503/926-1836)
Mrs. Beulah Davis, Rte. 3, Box 81, Scio,
97374 (Tel. 503/394-2724)

BEAVERTON (James A. Willett)
Grace Brethren Church (103)
980 N.W. 180th St., 97005 (corner of 180th
and Walker Rd.) (Tel. 503/645-7471)
Sue Eastman, 4605 SW 180th, Aloha, 97007
(Tel. 503/649-5326)

TROUTDALE (Daniel White)
Grace Brethren Church (47)
1303 S. E. Stark St. (Mailing address: R. 2,
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Mrs. Nan Bonneau, 5745 N. Commercial
Ave., Portland, 97217 (Tel. 503/289-2453)

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ALEPPO (G. Douglas Witt)
Aleppo Brethren Church (111)
P.O. Box 32, 15310 (Tel. 412/685-5190)
Bonnie Riffle, Rd. 1, New Freeport, 15352
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ALTOONA (Leslie James Cotsamire)
First Brethren Church (88)
2932 Maple Ave., 16601 (Tel. 814/942-7642)
Ray Sell, Jr., 892 30th St.
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ALTOONA (James Barnes)
Grace Brethren Church (26)
Broadway and 15th Ave. (Juniata), 16601
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Miss Kathleen Field, 1828 12th Ave.
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ARMAGH (Alan N. Clingan)
Valley Grace Brethren Church (130)
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dress: Box 178, 15920)
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Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church (140)
580 Bridle Path Rd., 18017
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Allentown, 18102 (Tel. 215/439-4958)

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Laurel Mtn. Grace Brethren Church (73)
 R. R. 2, 15531 (One mile north of Jennerstown on Rt. 985)
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 Mrs. Eva Wheeler, Box 97, Jenners, 15546
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CHAMBERSBURG (Earl Summers)

Grace Brethren Church (49)
 315 Edwards Ave., 17201
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 Mrs. Bonny Poe, R. R. 1, St. Thomas, 17252
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CONEMAUGH (Don K. Rager)

Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church (120)
 Corner of Second and Oak Sts. (All Mail to pastor's address)
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 Mrs. William Gillespie, 278 Ross Ln.
 (Tel. 814/322-4558)

CONEMAUGH (Marvin Lowery)

Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church (220)
 R. R. 8, Box 121, 15909 (on Rte. 271 2 miles south of Rte. 22 and Mundy's Corner)
 (Tel. 814/322-4581 or 322-4376)
 Opal Stouffer, Box 86, Park Hill
 (Tel. 814/539-3281)

CORAOPOLIS (H. Raymond & S. Edmonds)

Bon Meade Grace Brethren Church (68)
 Broadhead Rd. and Locust Rd. 15108 (All mail to church address)
 (Tel. 412/264-0306)
 Jim Talarico, 1029 Main St., Aliquippa,
 15001 (Tel. 412/378-0280)

DILLSBURG (Lee H. Dice)

Hope Grace Brethren Church (80)
 P.O. Box 275, 17019 (One mile east on Old York Rd.) (Tel. 717/432-5332)
 Lester Desenberg, Box 17, Rossville, 17385
 (Tel. 717/432-4651)

DUNCANSVILLE (John E. Gregory)

Leamersville Grace Brethren Church (193)
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 Jerry Walter, 801 Walnut St., Roaring Springs, 16673 (Tel. 814/224-4332)

ELIZABETHTOWN (Michael Rockafellow)

Grace Brethren Church (238)
 305 Anchor Rd., 17022 (Tel. 717/367-1281)
 Barry Griffen, Box 454, Maytown, 17550
 (Tel. 717/426-3443)

EPHRATA (Edward M. Gross)

Ephrata Area Grace Brethren Church (44)
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 (Tel. 717/738-1109)
 Mrs. Michael Reich, 2002 W. Main St.

EVERETT (Homer Lingenfelter)

Everett Grace Brethren Church (233)
 14 W. Main, 15537 (Tel. 814/652-2697)
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 (Tel. 814/652-2840)

HARRISBURG (Earle Peer)

Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church (188)
 2205 Swatara St., 17104
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 Paul Dissinger, 230 Walnut St., Highspire
 17034 (Tel. 717/939-7428)

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Suburban Grace Brethren Church (68)
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 (Tel. 215/675-5818)
 Doris Ide, 1171 W. County Line Rd.
 (Tel. 215/675-5486)

HOLLIDAYSBURG (Robert Griffith)

Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church (124)
 Rd. 1, Box 555, 16648 (Four miles south of Hollidaysburg, off Rte. 36 at Brooks Mill) (Tel. 814/695-4240)
 Miss Shirley Delozier, Rd. 1, Box 97B, East Freedom, 16637 (Tel. 814/695-8144)

HOPEWELL (Melvin Van Orman)

Grace Brethren Church of Hopewell (51)
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 Mrs. Jane Hoover, Rd. 1, Box 211, 16650
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JENNERS (Max DeArmey)

Jenners Grace Brethren Church (170)
 Box 151, 15546 (Rte. 601 south of Rte. 30)
 (Tel. 814/629-9105)
 Mrs. Deloris Flanigan, Box 88
 (Tel. 814/629-9471)

JOHNSTOWN (Charles M. Martin)

First Brethren Church (272)
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Geistown Grace Brethren Church (134)
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JOHNSTOWN (Kenneth Koontz)

Pike Grace Brethren Church (277)
 R.R. 6, Box 288, 15909 (old Rt. 22 at Mundy's Corner) (Tel. 814/749-8721)
 Miss Barbara Teeter, R.R. 6
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JOHNSTOWN (H. Don Rough)

Riverside Grace Brethren Church (252)
700 Liberty Ave., 15905 (Tel. 814/288-5746)
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Grace Brethren Church of West Kittanning
(288)
215 Arthur St., 16201 (Tel. 412/543-4019)
Sharon Hooks, R.R. 3, Box 147
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KITTANNING (Robert L. Burns)

North Buffalo Grace Brethren Church (116)
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Mrs. Ella Mae Smith, R.R. 4,
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LANCASTER (Wesley Haller)

Grace Brethren Church (184)
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Mrs. Lois Goodpastor, 51 Farmland Rd.
Leola, 17540 (Tel. 717/656-8782)

LANCASTER (Vernon Harris)

Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren
Church (68)
300 Willow Valley Square, 17602
(Tel. 717/464-2782)
Mrs. Diana Lowe, 103 Spruce Ln.,
New Providence, 17560

LISTIE (William Cochran)

Listie Brethren Church (215)
P.O. Box 111, 15549 (3 miles north of
Somerset on Rte. 281, 1 mile east off
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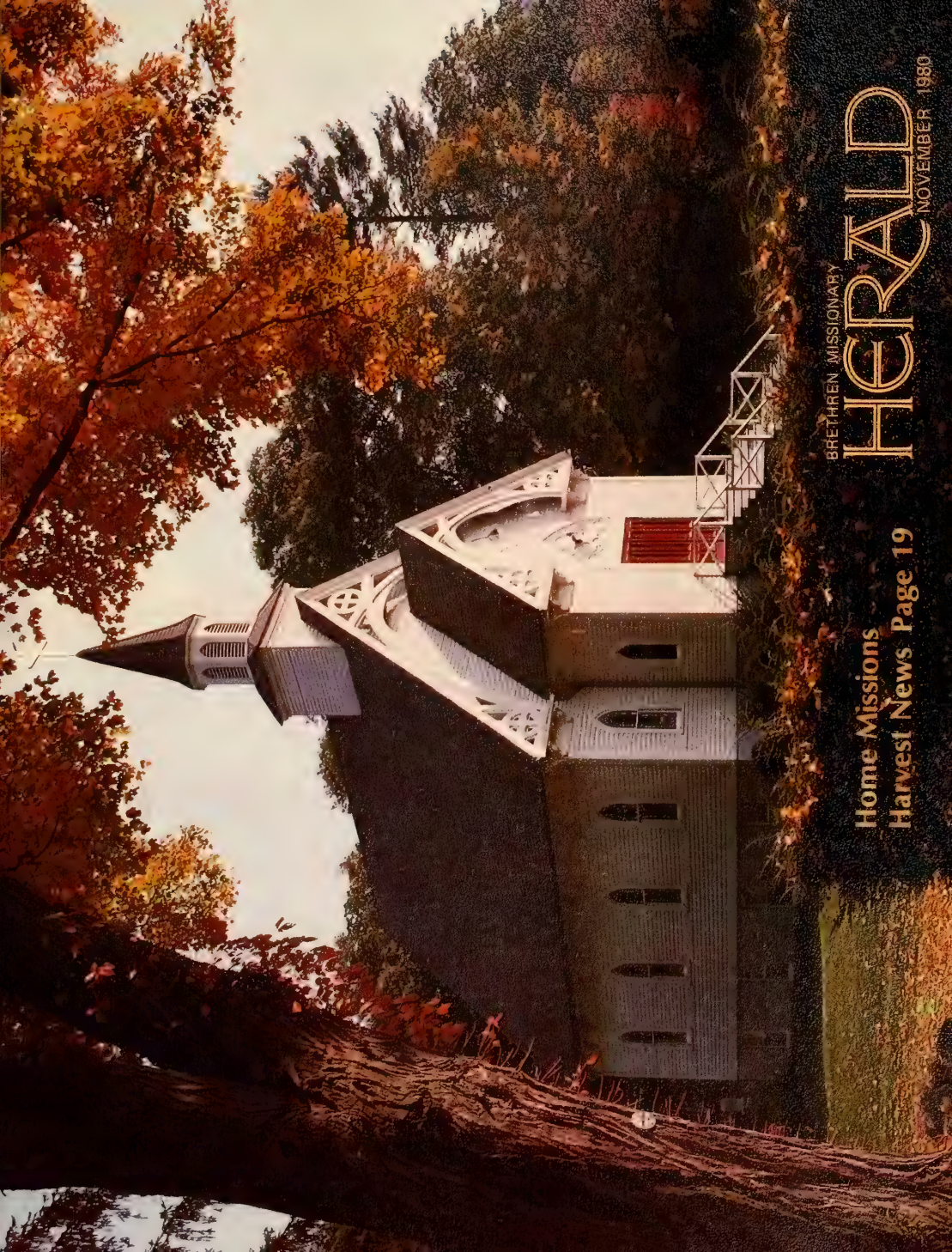
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Thank God for Taste Buds

by Charles W. Turner
Editor

We consider the month of November as the time for thanksgiving! Because of tradition, we celebrate with turkeys, pumpkins, and the summer's harvest. We hold family gatherings and praise services, and stop from our busy activities to remember how good God has been to us throughout the past year.

It is interesting to note what some people are thankful for when they have opportunity to give thanks publicly. It certainly must be assumed that, for the Christian, the spiritual blessings of new birth, and the gracious provisions of God must be at the top of the list. But there are so many things that God gives that change the whole outlook of our lives. Sight, health, family, and friends just cannot be dismissed as being very important to us all. But have you ever stopped to be thankful for taste buds?

I frankly do not know how they actually work, but I am glad they

do! Life would be quite dull without them—everything would taste the same. There might be some advantages, though, because spinach would be just about the same as a good steak. The reality of it all came to me when I drank some *hot* chocolate and suddenly there was no taste. Everything was just plain—tasteless.

There are a few things that are favorites of my personal taste buds! I have a firm and definite liking for peanut-butter fudge, and my taste buds go wild over doughnuts. Doughnuts are a longstanding love of my life, dating back to early childhood. There were five in my family—three children, and I was in the middle. For some reason, I was a very poor traveler and highly prone to motion sickness. So, I traveled very little which resulted in my staying home with my father, with him as chief cook, while the balance of the family went away to my grandparents. My father's favorite meal was homemade vegetable soup, served often and easily. But he did permit me to go to the store with him and buy a favorite of mine—doughnuts! On one occasion I got a large box full—five dozen! It was a *good* day for me as

I was able to handle about four dozen. When that day was over, I was feeling well which is quite an accomplishment for a 7 year old . . . after eating 48 doughnuts!

After hitting that high in my life, it never happened again. I still love doughnuts—glazed, filled, or sugared; and, if nothing else, just plain. This is not a big deal really, but it points to the fact that God has made us in a way so we can do many things, without hardly even thinking about it. Since we do not even pause to think about what we are doing, we often forget to be thankful for our experiences. God has made us able to talk, even though the words are not great in nature; able to hear the sound of a beautiful bird, and even the buzz of a mosquito in a dark bedroom on a summer night; able to see a glorious red sunset, or the object thrust towards us that endangers our well being; able to touch the soft skin of the newborn child, or to draw back from the touch of pain of a threatening force; able to walk in the beauty of new-fallen snow, or walk by a friend in the hour of need. God has somehow made us able to experience the joys of life and share the sorrows of hurt.

These are all gifts from God. Be thankful to Him for all His blessings.



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35 Years Ago—1945

The American Bible Society reported that, by law, 11 states required Bible reading in the public schools. They were Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. . . . Kenneth Ashman has been called to the Wooster, Ohio, First Brethren Church.

15 Years Ago—1965

The Brethren Youth Council had available three young men for a Youth Evangelism Team. They were: Larry Smithwick, Ed Lewis, and Dan Grabill. . . . Rev. and Mrs. Herman Koontz left their ministry in York, Pa., to go to Orlando, Fla.

5 Years Ago—1975

Grace Schools' enrollment passed the 1,000 mark for the second year with a total enrollment of 1,037. . . . Rev. Ward Miller was installed as the pastor at Bethel Brethren Church in Osceola, Ind.

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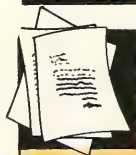
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The new press has been delivered, and is operating. Watch this your mail for a special letter about the press!

Thankfully yours,

Charles W. Turner
Charles W. Turner

Giving Thanks to God and Friends



Left to right: Phil Gegner, Beth Gegner, Jackie Julien and Joel Gegner like the Thanksgiving buffet.

by Doris Julien

Not many castles in France become the setting of a Thanksgiving celebration, but in November 1979, the Chateau de St. Albain observed such a festive meeting. For the fifteenth year our mission family celebrated one of the most typical of all American holidays.

In 1965, after living abroad some five years, our family sought to observe this special day with other missionaries of neighboring areas. We sought fellowship in our mother tongue and wanted to acquaint our young MKs with an American tradition. Like many beginnings, ours of 1965 was small. There were only two families and two TIME cadets in this part of France.



Missionary wives prepare the meal. Left to right: Nancy Gegner, Betsy Hudson, Vicki DeArme, and Doris Julien.



Within six years the neighboring missions doubled, each adding numerous families. This made our guests so many that only the parents and toddlers were able to eat in the dining room. The high schoolers had to dine in the library and the school-age children in the parlor. On several occasions the Peughs, our only missionaries to Germany at

aries' schedules—the most likely time being an evening of Thanksgiving week.

Secondly, the traditional menu, which is planned and assigned, can also be a challenging feat to procure and prepare.

Turkeys are normally raised and stocked in the stores for the Christmas season. This necessitates ordering in advance and then accepting whatever comes. Often the young turkeys vary in size and are difficult to clean. One year we received eight to ten small turkeys, no two weighing the same, so each required a different cooking time.

Since sweet potatoes are more commonly found in stores catering to the tastes of Italians, this assignment goes to someone living near this foreign element. And some-

from home or recently shopped in Switzerland where it is imported from England.

Jello salads? Most ladies can contribute this dish because it is the most common item in the CARE packages sent by a friend or supporting church. The making of cranberry salad no longer stumps the missionary wife with the substitution of canned red currants or currant jelly.

Corn, at times difficult to find and very expensive, is given sometimes by an American military friend. Presently, it can be found more easily but continues to be expensive. With France's vast variety of green vegetables, a complementary dish of brussel sprouts, green beans, or peas is one of the simplest dishes to add.

And dinner rolls in this land



Doris Julien enjoys the "American-style" food.

that time, and Brethren students studying in France drove long distances to participate in the day.

By 1971, the celebration had become so large, 75 guests, that we had to limit it to our own missionaries. This has been the case for the past 8 years.

Organizing such an occasion outside one's culture can be complicated. First of all, there is no French holiday during the latter part of November to free everyone from work and school. A time must be chosen to accommodate the mission-



Mmmmmmm . . .

thing as simple as dressing can become a disappointment if the neighborhood grocery store hasn't yet received its fall celery from Israel.

Cranberries, a fruit that is not known by the Frenchman, can appear in sauce on our tables only if one of our missionaries has received a can

of delicious French bread? Many of us have learned to make yeast breads from a clump of yeast broken from the supply of the neighborhood baker. To make a pumpkin pie, one of the ladies will go to market or to a store to buy a big slice of pumpkin. Another will use her mother's

recipe or a tiny box of condensed mincemeat, received in some package, to make a mincemeat pie.

Thirdly, living in another country develops new eating habits and appreciations in the missionary family; this is noticed at occasions like Thanksgiving. Many of us find the Thanksgiving table a real

is to give thanks to God in song, poems, and Scripture for His abundant blessings of the past year.

Memorizing selections from an *Ideals* Thanksgiving magazine or some other similar publication can be awkward for the younger generation (and even humorous to the parents) even though they are

utter despondency. He responded to a friend's suggestion and wrote a note of appreciation to an old school-teacher who had given him an appreciation of literature and the great poets. He received in reply a very warm and touching note in shaky handwriting. The teacher wrote that she was blinded with tears in reading his letter. In her 50 years of teaching his was the first letter of thanks she had ever received from a student... it would be cherished until she died.

This experience developed so much joy and satisfaction for the man that it became his secret—that is, practicing giving thanks to God and friends—in eliminating depression.

In reliving our blessings and sharing them with our co-workers, we leave the Chateau with hearts full of gratitude for the many things that God is doing in our lives. Praise the Lord that we are His!



The "little guys" like Thanksgiving, too! Left to right: Timmy Hudson, Marc Gegner, Marc DeArmey, Luc DeArmey, and Andy Hudson.

contrast to our French style of eating one or two foods at a time. Beginning the meal with the fruit and jello salads is helpful.

Interestingly enough, the tastes of the MKs are not like those of their parents, so the dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberries, and American pies are often bypassed for the turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, lots of rolls, and a cookie.

After the men do the dishes and the women make order in the kitchen and in their carry-in baskets, our fellowship continues in a sharing time varied according to the gifts and talents of the MC and the MKs. The purpose of the hour

champions at daily reciting a poem in French class or a resume in history class. The adults, too, informally share their special blessings. Sometimes this is done by a suggested audiovisual, like a slide presentation. Or a chain or horn-of-plenty is made of colored paper on which praise notes are listed. The whole group creates these together.

In many of these sharing times we are challenged to practice thanksgiving on a human level by communicating with a person who has been of special help to us.

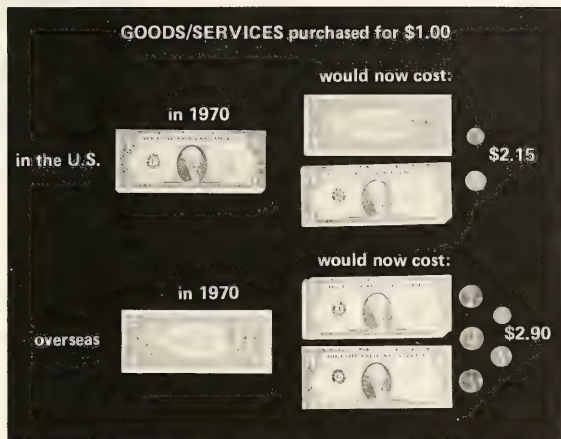
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It's over.

The Story of the American Dollar

Chart No. 1



Newspapers and magazines have graphically displayed the "Story of the American Dollar" in recent months. Everyone recognizes what inflation has done to our purchasing power. For example, the goods and services purchased by one dollar in 1970 would now cost \$2.15. Every trip to the grocery store or gas station reminds us of that sad fact.

When you couple the U.S. rise in costs with the soaring inflation in many countries overseas, and then add the decreasing value of the U.S. dollar abroad, the implications for

foreign missions endeavors are staggering! Chart No. 1 shows that the \$2.15 cost for U.S. expenditures is another 75¢ higher overseas.

In other words, your 1970 gift of one dollar to missions is now worth only 35¢ (chart No. 2). If you gave \$1.00 in 1970, you'd have to give \$2.90 this year just to keep up.

One final illustration. Look at chart No. 3. In 1970 a missionary could be supported by just \$4,522. In 1980 it takes \$13,155! (And in 1981 it will most likely be at least 10 percent more.)

In light of these revealing statistics, Grace Brethren people are urged to pray about the 1980 Brethren Foreign Missions offering. An anticipated deficit of \$60,000 must be cared for by December 31 just in order to maintain the status quo. New opportunities can be pursued if the sacrificial gifts of the Brethren exceed the current need.

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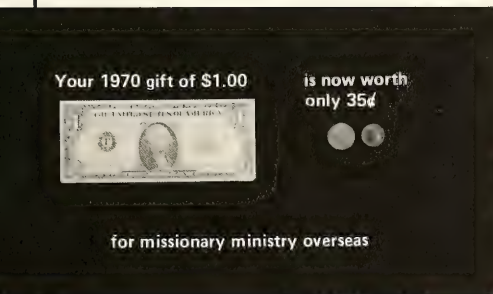
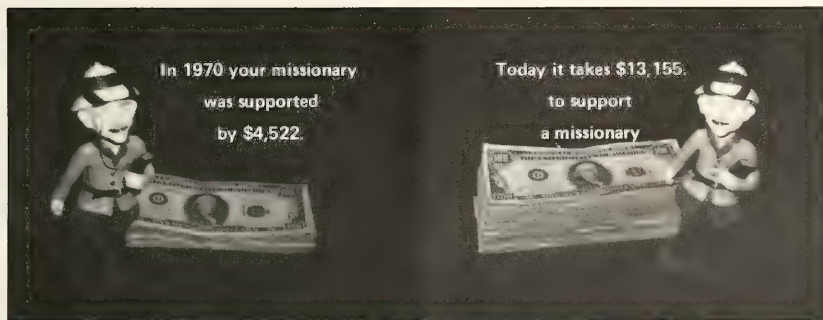


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7031 Gartringen
West Germany
August 16, 1980

Beloved Brethren,

A week ago today, at 8 a.m. Detroit time, we began the last day of our visit to the United States. Some 5,000 miles and 36 hours later we crawled, unkempt, uncombed, and unshaven, into our beds suffering from sheer exhaustion. I don't think the voyage from Plymouth to New England on the *Mayflower* could have been more strenuous.

Now that I have practically recovered from acute "jet lag," I feel compelled to put pen to paper in order to express my gratitude for the way in which you folks opened your hearts and homes to make my wife and me welcome. You made us feel as though we really do belong to you.

From the time we arrived in Winona Lake, for the national conference, to the time we said *Auf Wiedersehen* to our friend John Pappas at the airport in Columbus, Ohio, we were keenly aware of your love for us and of your concern for our well being and comfort.

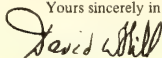
While visiting Grace Brethren churches in Columbus, Lima, Bowling Green, Minerva, and Ashland, Ohio, we were provided with comfortable accommodations, "diverse" automobiles (from Fords to Cadillacs), a mobile home (stately), a telephone (for local and long distance calls), and mountains of food. At first glance these things may seem very ordinary, but they made a very positive impression on us. We also received several invitations to go to California, Pennsylvania and Indiana, either for a visit or to serve in the ministry.

It would be unkind of me to mention any one in particular, for the main thing that we were given much of (and much love was given to us) was given by you all.

If God sees fit for us to return to the United States, either to serve in some kind of ministry or just for a visit, I hope He will make it possible for us to meet you all again.

I would like to thank you all and extend greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of my wife, Luise, and my children, Mike and Christina.

Yours sincerely in the Lord,



David W. Hill



Manchester 353
Barrio Santa Isabel, Section I
5000 Cordoba
August 4, 1980

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church
Winona Lake, Indiana 46590
United States

Dear Brethren:

Greetings in Christ for the Brethren Church in the Republic of Argentina upon your eightieth anniversary in missionary work.

The representatives of the National Church, who met Saturday, August 2, in Almaguere, send their greetings and thanks to the Foreign Missionary Society for the work carried out over the years in our country. We give thanks to the Lord for this missionary effort, used as an instrument of God to reach us for Christ.

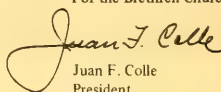
We are happy for having received a doctrine with solid biblical foundations and especially in days such as ours when there is no profound devotion for the truth. There is also an emphasis being made upon unity and fellowship of love because "doctrine divides or separates." For us here in Argentina, for our church in the United States and in other countries where the missionary work has been extended, the voice of Jude (v. 3) is for us: "... that you earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints."

To the Brethren Church in the United States, to the Foreign Missionary Society, and to all the missionaries who have been or who are in Argentina:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OF THE HARVEST!

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Cor. 13:14).

For the Brethren Church in the Republic of Argentina,



Juan F. Colle
President

Studying the Bible in the Chad

by Richard Harrell

When I say that the training possibilities for a pastor run out in the Chad, I'm not saying that the pastoral student has no further possibilities. However, in order to avail himself of these possibilities he must leave the Chad.

If he has passed the Bible Institute entrance exam, he then goes to the Bible Institute (BI) at Bata, Central African Republic, for the next stage of his training. This move is not as easy as it may sound. It involves international travel with all the attendant paperwork and hassle for the poor student; it is not like going from Ohio to California to school.

Almost all of the students have families of three or more children. (Would you believe a family took nine children to the BI this year? Fortunately they are not from the Chad.) Of course, the whole family

has to go along if at all possible.

But the real burden for the student changing locations is food. He has to take enough food with him to last for his family until he can plant and harvest a garden at Bata; not quite like going to the local supermarket, even if it is only for a loaf of bread and some milk.

In the past the students from the Chad have had problems getting all the food they need past the various barriers and border check points. But the Lord uses these trials to strengthen the faith of the students, pastors, and, yes, the missionaries.

Once the student is safely settled at Bata he begins a four-year program of study which builds upon the basic doctrines and facts he has already learned while at the Preparatory Bible Institute (PBI) at Bessao. At the BI all classes are taught annually unlike at the PBI. However, in both the PBI and the BI, the teaching load is divided between pastors and missionaries.

The whole family goes along to support and encourage.



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At the PBI at Bessao, there are two Chadian teachers and one missionary teacher; the BI at Bata has the faculty almost equally divided between pastors and missionaries. Since the students have not had much formal education, at BI they are exposed to subjects that would normally be covered in general education courses. Their real work is Bible study.

After four years at BI, the student packs up and goes through all the customs and immigration formalities that he had to face in order to get to school in the first place. When he returns home he is eligible to seek a pastoral position in one of our Brethren churches in the Chad; or he can start a new church in a village where he feels there is a need.

The local pastor has little or no chance to further his education. Once he has finished Bible Institute, he has reached his plateau. To overcome this problem among the Chadian pastors, the missionary personnel offer special classes each year to the pastors, covering

a whole range of Bible subjects. The pastors indicate that they benefit from these classes. The hardest part is finding enough time to research and write the lessons used in the classes. The next hardest is getting a date when all the pastors can come to the classes. But it is definitely worthwhile. Jake Kliever carried on this ministry among the Chadian pastors for many years. His efforts have had continuing results.

One other possibility for training remains for the Brethren church member in the Chad. However, this is limited to those who have graduated from high school (the Chad follows the French educational system which is based on 13 years of study rather than the 12 years common in the States). Only a small portion of the population has the opportunity to enter high school in the Chad. And because the system is designed to eliminate all but the best, a much smaller portion ever graduates.

But for those who do graduate there is the oppor-

Bible study is work .

He can read and study the Word





tunity to go on to seminary. This is a new development for the Brethren churches of Africa. This decision was made by the General Conference of African Brethren Churches which met at Bozoum, Central African Republic in mid-January, 1980.

The Conference delegates voted to begin a seminary level school modeled after Grace Theological Seminary. The school will be located at Bata, Central African Republic, and classes will begin in 1981.

The seminary will be open to Brethren students from the Chad, the Cameroun, and Zaire, as well as to non-Brethren students from all of French-speaking Africa. This school offers the work in the Chad the opportunity in the future to begin a work among high school and college students, as well as among government officials.

Unfortunately, once again the student will have to leave the Chad to further his education. However, he would probably agree that this hardship is insignificant

when compared with the rewards he receives for service to the Lord.

One other area of training is available to the Chadian pastor. He can read and study the Word for himself after he gets out of school, but that cannot replace special training.

Now that you understand a little better how a church member or, especially, a pastor gets biblical training, you can pray more effectively for the work here in the Chad. Possibly you could see yourself here working in the Preparatory Bible Institute, or teaching pastors in continuing education courses, or teaching in the proposed Bible Institute which the pastors want to establish in the Chad when there are sufficient personnel to run it.

Stop and think about that for a minute. If you think you belong here, then do something about it. And remember to pray for the work in the Chad and your missionary, Richard Harrell.

for himself after he gets out of school.



BMH

news report

From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

□ On Sept. 7, the Grace Brethren Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., celebrated their tenth anniversary. One hundred and sixty-six people attended Sunday school on this day and 206 were in the worship service. Between 150 and 200 were served at a noon fellowship meal. Tom Inman, pastor.

□ After passing his written and oral district examination with high commendation, assistant pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, Chris Hayes was commissioned in an official way to the Christian ministry on Aug. 31, in a special service of licensure. Chris and his wife, Liz, are parents to three children: Joshua, 5; Jeremy, 4; and Janel, 6 months. Knute Larson, pastor.

□ Leslie Cotsamire received a unanimous call to serve as pastor at the Altoona First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa., on Aug. 31.

□ The Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind., began a "flip-flop" program Sept. 14. Half of the congregation attends the worship service at 9:15 a.m. while others are in Sunday school. At 10:30 a.m. those who were in Sunday school go to the worship service and those who have been in the worship service attend Sunday school. Pastor David Plaster states that this plan has greatly alleviated the over-crowding of their facilities on Sunday mornings.

□ On Sept. 20, 1980, a big birthday party was held at the Orlando (Fla.) Grace Brethren Church for the two-hundredth year of the Sunday school. It was also the kick-off of the "Challenge of the 80s" for the Orlando Sunday school. Seventy-two people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Leppert for a day of fun, games, fellowship, and food. A good time was had by all and the Lord really blessed with a perfect day for a picnic. This Florida church is looking forward to the 1980s and the great opportunities for growth which God is providing. Ed Jackson, pastor; Andy Anderson, Sunday school superintendent.

□ Roy Glass, III, has accepted the call to serve as director of youth ministries of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Glass is a recent graduate of Liberty Baptist College, and is the son of Pastor and Mrs. Roy Glass, Troy, Ohio Grace Brethren Church.

□ Bill Kellerman, superintendent of the Grace Brethren Church of Atlanta, Ga., worked creatively during the summer month of July to keep the attention and interest of "would-be" vacationers. Each Sunday Mr. Kellerman and Pastor Dean Fetterhoff "took" the congregation imaginatively to various vacation spots, such as Hawaii and Brethren mission points.

□ Rev. Harry Froehlich has begun his ministry as interim pastor of the Grace Brethren Church at Jackson, Mich. He will be working under the direction of the Home Missions Council.

□ Going to Florida? A directory of our Florida Grace Brethren Churches is available from the Herald Co. at no charge. This directory features a map of each church's location, a picture of the church and the time of services. The address and phone number of the church and the pastor are also included. To obtain your free copy, write to the Herald Co., P.O. Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

marriages

Hearty congratulations to, and may God's blessings rest always upon, these new families who join the *Brethren Missionary Herald* readership. A six-month free subscription to the *Herald* is given to newlyweds whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Jill Halwick and Marcus Goerd, April 12, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Nancy Hawkins and Craig Firestone, May 10, Sandusky, Ohio. Pastor Kenneth Ashman assisted in the ceremony.

Lori Roller and David Bingham, May 17, Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Beth Miller and Greg Brenneman, May 24, Elyria, Ohio. Pastor Kenneth Ashman assisted in the ceremony.

Brenda Maulfair and Bryan Crouse, May 31, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Gail Connell and Melvin Gelsinger, June 6, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Deanna Baker and Robert Graybosch, June 7, Grace Brethren Church, Oseola, Ind.

Cindy Buckland and Steve Cisney, June 7, Ellet Grace Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Linda Denham and Kent Sparks, June 7, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Carmen Garling and Scott Franchino, June 7, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Deborah Myers and Marvin Nelson, June 7, Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

Andrea Ogden and Stephen Moore, June 7, First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va.

Robin Fritz and Rus Rosenberger, June 14, Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa.

Jean Knauer and Phil Steere, June 14, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Pamela McCloskey and Lance Sneatn, June 14, First Brethren Church, Altoona, Pa.

Patty Parrish and Max Shull, June 14, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Connie Psolla and Steve Workman, June 14, Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Pamela Sargeant and Larry McMillan, June 14, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Holly Shipleit and James Ridgeway, June 15, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Mary Ayer and Donald Strawser, June 21, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Deborah Davis and Stan Kolakowski, June 21, Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Dr. John Davis, father of the bride, officiated.

Ann Schaefer and Ken Hynes, June 21, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Jenifer Wheeler and Henry Hernandez, July 27, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Sue Keys and Wes Lynch, June 27, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Keana Aungst and Ron Stiffler, June 28, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Carmella Bologna and Mike Rice, Jr., June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Jean Harris and Bill Baptiste, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Noreen Healy and Greg Lefever, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md.

Sharon Johnson and Phil Harbaugh, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Margo Moore Jones and Dave Merriam, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Debbie Mathis and Cecil O'Dell, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Terri Mowry and Craig Brooks, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio.

Denise Purdy and Doug Neer, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Deborah Thomas and Ronald Hostetler, June 28, Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Kimberly Assaf and Richard Stover, July 11, Ellet Grace Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Nancy Kittle and James Edwards, July 12, Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Sue Ann and Richard Snyder, July 12, Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church, Wrightsville, Pa.

Tammie Conover and James Robinson, July 19, Ellet Grace Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio.

Deb Hindenlang and Doug Fisher, July 19, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Heidi Halterman and Steve Howell, July 19, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Vickie Show and Todd Sockslager, July 19, Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Barb Leedy and Lonnie Snyder, July 26, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Nancy Jones and Stan Hess, Aug. 2, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Rachel Keefer and Rod Bugher, Aug. 16, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Carol Ruby and David James, Aug. 23, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Mary Lou Steiner and Daniel Moeller, Aug. 23, Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Mindy Miller and Greg Roberts, Aug. 30, Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stephens, New Albany Grace Brethren Church, Clarksville, Ind.

□ Hawaii anyone? The Brethren Missionary Herald is planning a Hawaiian tour following national conference in California in 1982. Tentative dates are Aug. 6-16, 1982. Start saving now so you can enjoy a super experience . . . visiting the beautiful islands and sharing worship with the Brethren people there.

meetings

Dr. Robert B. Collitt, Stewardship Counselor for the Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service, will be speaking at the following Grace Brethren churches:

Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.; Nov. 30-Dec. 3; Gerald Allebach, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Johnson City, Tenn.; Dec. 7-10; David R. Hitchman, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Tenn.; Dec. 14-17; A. David Mitchell, pastor.

deaths

Death notices must be submitted in writing by the pastor.

BERKEY, Mabelle, 72, Sept. 11, Grace Brethren Church, Hemet, Calif. Sheldon Perrine, pastor.

BIDDLE, Herbert, 80, Sept. 20, Silverbell Grace Brethren Church, Tucson, Ariz. Ken Curtis pastor. Mr. Biddle was previously a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio. Ken Ashman, pastor.

FUNDERBURG, Earl, 67, Sept. 24, Earl Funderburg had pastored churches in Alto, New Troy, and Ozark, Mich., and had helped to build churches in several other states. Funeral services were held at the Grace Brethren Church in Ozark, Mich., with Mick Funderburg officiating. John Lancaster, pastor, Ozark church.

JORDAN, Bert, 70, Jan. 17, a faithful member of the Kittinging Grace Brethren Church, Kittinging, Pa., for 57 years. Mr. Jordan had also served on the Brethren Construction Crew and had been employed by Grace Schools. Richard Cornwell, pastor.

KETTEL, Raymond H., 80, Sept. 14, Mr. Kettell pastored Grace Brethren Churches in North English, Leon and Garwin, Iowa; Limestone, Tenn; Portis, Kansas; Roanoke (Clearbrook), Va.; and Accident, Md. Prior to retiring at Grace Village in Winona Lake, Ind., he served as minister of visitation at the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. Memorial services were held at the Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church with Pastor Charles Ashman, officiating.

KLINGER, George, 74, Aug. 26, active member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, for 40 years. Knute Larson, pastor.

POFF, Rhoda, June 16, Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church, Wrightsville, Pa. Leslie Nutter, pastor.

SCREECHFIELD, Homer, 83, Aug. 23, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

SIMON, Melvin, Sept. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

Is the ERA a moral issue?

by

Dr. David L. Hocking

Edited by Keith Essex

"It is the most devastating legislation ever to occur in America." This is what former Senator Sam Ervin has said about the Equal Rights Amendment. Some of our Congressmen and Senators are saying that it is the most important legislation to have occurred in America because it will radically change the social order and structure of our country.

In spite of its importance, there is widespread ignorance concerning the Equal Rights Amendment. Some people read the Amendment and see nothing wrong with it. Most people do not even know what the Amendment states, yet it is one of the most serious things to have ever happened to this nation as it relates to morals and the Word of God.

But what is the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)? This is what the Amendment states:

Section 1:

Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Section 2:

The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this Article.

Section 3:

This Amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.

Many people have been led to believe that this Amendment means equal pay for equal work. In fact, it's the primary promotion of the media. On national television, in debate, and in actual legal action in court, however, it has been proven that the ERA will add no new employment rights. Federal employment laws are already completely sex neutral. The Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 prohibits all discrimination in hiring, pay, and promotion. The ERA will not give women equal pay for equal work or any employment rights, choices, or opportunities that they do not already have.

But, if this is true, one might ask why the ERA is so important. I have in my possession *'The Document: Declaration of Feminism'* released by Nancy Lehmann and Helen Sullinger. Since many Christians are unaware of the implications of the feminist movement, I will quote extensively from *'The Document'*

so that the reader can see for himself where the ERA will lead us as a nation.

This booklet spells out in detail what the ultimate goal of feminism is: "... to rescue the planet from the deeds of patriarchy." This entails a "... revolutionary struggle (where) the individual wants to make the greatest contribution possible toward the liberation of her sisters and all people.... This is the slow change from being individuals in isolation to becoming truly collective people."

This 'revolutionary struggle' means nothing less than the complete restructuring of society as it today exists. According to the feminist writers, "The enslavement of women by men was the first form of oppression to appear in human history. It has existed in every culture and under every type of economic system. It has made possible the oppression of class by class, race by race, and nation by nation." The 'liberation' of woman, therefore, becomes the first step in the liberation of all people.

Further, according to *'The Document'*, "The end of the institution of marriage is a necessary condition for the liberation of women. Therefore, it is important for us to encourage women to leave their husbands and not to live individually with men.... We must build alternatives to marriage - new socializing forms, new ways of experiencing companionship and interdependence with other people. This must go hand in hand with the conscious building of a viable movement of women to confront male power and overthrow it." Marriage must end, contend the feminists, so that women's economic and social dependence on men will come to an end.

The end of marriage means a redefining of the family. *'The Document'* states, "The nuclear family must be replaced with a new form of family where individuals live and work together to help meet the needs of all people in the society.... With the destruction of the nuclear family must come a new way of looking at children. They must be seen as the responsibility of the entire society rather than individual parents."

Thus, it can be clearly seen that the feminists backing the ERA want more than equal pay for equal work. They want nothing less than the destruction of

marriage and family as it is taught in the Word of God.

There are five major principles and goals of certain feminist organizations in this country:

1. Man is the enemy.
2. Babies lead to bondage.
3. Total equality is a fact, not simply a goal.
4. Marriage must be eliminated.
5. Above all, Religious belief must be changed.

Since religion is the leading advocate of the institution of marriage and the family, the feminists know that religious belief must be changed in this country. Therefore, the ERA crosses all political boundaries and is a moral issue. Since it is a moral issue, as a proclaimer of the Word of God I must speak out against the ERA.

Why am I against the ERA? Why do I believe it violates the Word of God? These are my six reasons:

1 The ERA will invalidate all state laws which require a husband to support his wife.

It will impose upon women, by law, an equal 50% financial obligation to support their family. This is so serious that single parents who are women are in trouble. Senior women whose partners die and wish to leave them with support are also in serious trouble. Senior women will be deprived of their present right to be supported by their husbands and to be provided with a home.

One of the most comprehensive modern textbooks on American law is *American Juris Prudence*. It gives a detail summary of all these rights in Volume 41 under the heading entitled "Husband and Wife." It reads, "One of the most fundamental duties imposed by the law of domestic relations is that which requires a man to support his wife and family. In some jurisdictions, the duty of support is imposed on the husband by statute, but it exists apart from statute as the duty arising out of the marital relationship." Notice that it says the fundamental right of a man to support his family arises out of the institution of marriage. The document on feminism quoted previously states that the goal is to destroy marriage as an institution of this country.

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Thanks be to God— for Blessing, Triumph, and Victory

by Dr. Lester E. Pifer

The Apostle Paul, a man whose life, heart and soul were deeply committed to God, gives us one of the finest expressions of thanksgiving in the Bible. After a heart-searching message on the subject of giving in 2 Corinthians 9:1-10, he expresses his deep appreciation to his Heavenly Father . . . "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:11).

Paul was a church planter. By precept, personal life and public ministry he wove into the fabric of every church a continuous ministry of prayer. Following him from church to church one is amazed at the burden of prayer that Paul builds in himself for his converts. Time after time he is constrained to bow the knee and lift his people to God for their spiritual development and growth. He demonstrates every principle and facet of prayer as he lifts his people up to God. It is not difficult to understand the progress of these early churches, in the midst of the greatest of difficulties, when a warrior of prayer, like Paul, bombards the throne of grace in their behalf.

No small part of Paul's prayer ministry is given to praise and thanksgiving. His awareness of his divine source of power, his keen appreciation for God's abundant provision and his utter dependance upon God are beautiful lessons for our learning. These often form the bases for his prolific praise.

During this Thanksgiving season it would be profitable for us to take spiritual inventory of God's abundant provision for our needs. This ought to be done both individually and collectively. God's blessings have come in numerous ways to us as individuals, but it has also been in evidence upon our families, our churches, and our missionary organizations. Let us take the time to praise Him and express the deep appreciation from our hearts to Him.

In Brethren Home Missions we are trying to follow



Anchorage, Alaska, Grace Brethren Church celebrated their building dedication on May 4, 1980, with 245 people present.

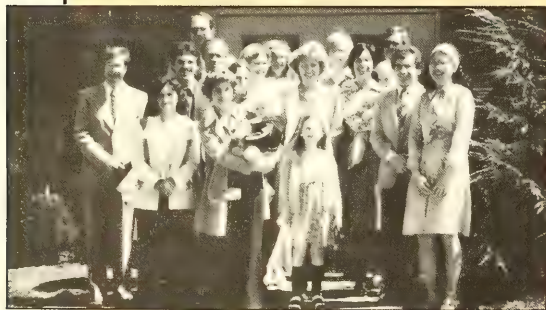
Paul's principles, pattern and example in church planting. The burden of prayer, praise and thanksgiving plays a major role in our progress and development. Planting praying churches is a major goal in Brethren Home Missions. A careful inventory will reveal many aspects of Paul's prayer ministry in home mission churches.

Like Paul we must say, "... thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57). The goal of 52 new churches in 5 years made in the Bountiful Harvest Program looked almost impossible; but thanks to God, after one-and-a-half years, 16 new churches are underway! Seven home mission churches have gone self-supporting already this year, with the possibility of 3 more by the end of the year!

The Word of God has been proclaimed, the Gospel has been explained and loving compassion has brought 633 souls to Christ during 1979! New



The Southern Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Grace Brethren Church was dedicated on September 27, 1980.



The Newark, Delaware, Grace Brethren Church is a growing "Bountiful Harvest" point.

records for this year in attendance, growth in membership and 3 more new home mission buildings are causes for rejoicing. What a moving moment when 11 new Grace Brethren churches were added to our Grace Brethren Fellowship at our national conference!

Paul said, "... I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry" (1 Tim. 1:12). Twelve men joined me at our spring Home Missions orientation school to praise our Lord for placing us in the home mission ministry. They were going to growing home mission churches in Southern California, North-

ern California, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida, Indiana and Tennessee. As the harvest ripens, the doors open, and as the opportunities arrive, God has His personnel ready to thrust into these fields. Praise God for supplying such dedicated personnel!

Paul warned, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6). There are many anxieties which come in a home mission year of activity. Prayer provides the way through such dilemmas. What do home mission personnel do when a pastor's wife narrowly escapes death in an auto accident in Alaska, 4,500 miles away? How can we face the tragic death of a home mission construction worker who falls from the roof of our new church in California? Where do we get the wisdom to deal with home mission problems in churches when Satan tears to shreds a new church over false doctrine? How do we build when loan funds are not available, or how do we cope with an endless spirit of inflation? The answer is prayer! God's unlimited source of divine help is available and ready. He delights in supplying our needs. Praise the Lord!

In Home Missions we are constantly dealing with new areas, new people, new personnel, new conditions and new attacks from our arch enemy, Satan. There are certain fears and anxieties as we enter each new field. The veteran church planter, Paul, had an optimistic answer for that, too: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place" (2 Cor. 2:14). Paul had learned that God always has a way to overcome the greatest difficulties. He will, with His divine resources, bring to light "the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." What a tremendous encouragement! God is not willing that any shall perish but desires that all be saved. Following His will, under the direction of His Spirit, His Word shall not return void! We shall triumph in Christ. Praise Him!

At this Thanksgiving season, our entire corps of home missionaries, staff and board of directors want to pause and express our deep appreciation to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit for their triune blessings. We acknowledge our dependence upon God and say with Paul, "... that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (2 Cor. 4:7). Together we join in expressing our thanksgiving to God for your help—your prayer support, your generous giving and your fine cooperation—as we seek to reach America for Christ through vibrant Bible-teaching churches. Join us in praising God in advance for the triumph and the victory!

Ministering to the Afflicted



by Isobel Fraser

Missionary to the Jews

"Who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Cor. 1:4 NASB).

Physical affliction is a great opportunity for ministry. We seek to share that special comfort from God during this difficult time. After being gone for several weeks because of national conference, itineration and vacation, I was concerned about a number of our Jewish friends. How had things fared with them during the absence?

Stopping to see Flora at the retirement home I was glad to find her preparing for a new day. Now in her eighties, she always enjoys the fellowship in the Word and in prayer. For many years, while she was physically able, she regularly attended our evening Bible study and Bet El meetings. During that time she came to trust Jesus as her Saviour, Messiah and God. Her usual last words to me are: "You won't forget to come again?"

Rae had been in the hospital before I left and I hoped that by now

she would be back at her apartment. A relative staying at the apartment informed me that she was in the convalescent hospital. Visiting there I found her in a wheel chair in the hall, where we talked for a time. The attendants, after preparing her bed, wheeled her into her room. They left for a short time and this gave me opportunity to share with her from Psalm 100 the blessed hope that we have in Messiah Jesus, and to have prayer. She never objects to my sharing with her, *but* to others she says that she will never believe in Jesus. This is quite a typical response by Jewish people. However, we stand upon His Word which says that faith comes by hearing the Word of God.

It was quite a disappointment to learn that Ida was back in the hospital. She had just returned home from there shortly before I left for the East. She was in a very happy mood even though she had spent the morning undergoing tests and even now had a tube along the side of her face. It must have been a tiring time for her. With some encouragement from the words of the

Lord, whom she has learned to trust in, and committing her needs into His hands, I left. Later I learned that it had been more than tests that morning. An ulcer had been dissolved and she would be able to go home by the end of the week. He had met her need most wonderfully.

I was greatly encouraged when I saw Sally, for she seemed much more alert and active than on my last visit. She was quite talkative and shared numerous experiences from her childhood in Russia and events in her younger days. She regularly attended, with her blind husband (now deceased), our Shalom meetings. As yet she has not opened her heart to the Lord Jesus. She usually permits me to read from the Bible to her and pray. This time I was able to relate the Scripture to Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) which was not too far off. She remembered her family observing a special rite that has been a tradition among orthodox Jews at this time of the year. Then again Jesus, as the Lamb of God, was presented to her.

I rejoiced to see Fae sitting out-

side the retirement home where she lived. Sometime ago she had fallen and broke a bone in her foot. Another Jewish friend vacated her chair so that I could sit next to Fae. After catching up on events since we had last met, even there in the midst of a group of other Jewish people she permitted me to pray for her. Not yet having found the true comfort through faith in Jesus Christ, she has at times, in her room or in the lobby, introduced me to individuals and asked me to pray for a special need that they might have.

"Say, am I glad to see you," was the greeting from Ruth Ann whom I found out on the patio. We went to her room so we could talk. She was always one of the best in Scripture memorization at our various meetings. She also attended church with me; always ready to go at the

drop of a hat. When I visit her, we sing Christian songs and quote Scripture verses. Her favorite chorus is "Hallelujah," especially the second chorus: "He's my Saviour"; which He is!

While calling on Fae I learned that the husband of a Jewish friend was in the hospital. I stopped to see this man but a sign on the door indicated that he was having some form of treatment. I called the wife later that evening and learned that he had had a negative reaction to medication he was taking. There have been several opportunities in the past to share with this couple and I trust that in this affliction the Lord will permit me to again minister. She expressed her appreciation because I cared.

The saddest of my visits was to Sam. This past year has brought both joy and unhappiness into his

life because of physical problems. The basis of most of his trouble is diabetes. It caused blindness several years ago and then two years ago the loss of one leg. Through some new surgery partial sight was restored this past year. He rejoiced in the Lord Jesus whom he had accepted as Saviour several years ago. I found Sam in the dining room of the hospital with a group of others. He was in therapy, learning to walk with two artificial legs—his remaining leg had been removed because of poor circulation. He did so well in the past that I know by looking to the Lord for strength he will find comfort in this affliction as well.

As each of these find His comfort, what great *thanksgiving* there will be. Not only for them and the Bet Emet staff, but also for each of you who share through prayer!

Thank-You BIF Investors!

for --

*Helping us save over
\$300,000 in interest!*

*Providing the financing for our
new facility - which is helping
us to minister more effectively.*

*Keeping our loan payments
down so we can now be
self supporting!*

*God's continued prosperity to
you and your ministry.*

Love Smithwick
Pastor Larry and Shari Smithwick

Anchorage GBC



Harvestnews

"Decade of Opportunities" Builds Excitement!

The Brethren Home Missions Council's theme for the eighties, "Decade of Opportunities," is creating excitement among church planting visionaries in the Grace Brethren Fellowship. Throughout our Fellowship opportunities for church planting are developing at a tremendous rate.

Coinciding with the beginning of the Council's 1980 promotional blitz was the announcement of "A Bountiful Harvest" results. After the first year of the Bountiful Harvest Campaign The Brethren Home Missions Council reports 16 new Home Missions points adopted. With a prayer goal of 52 new Grace Brethren churches by 1984, only 36 future churches stand between the current ministry and the aggressive five-year vision.

The church planting possibilities for 1981 look equally impressive. Eight to twelve existing Bible classes could be up for Home Missions adoption next year, dependent on the Lord's leading. Maintaining this accelerated growth makes 52 new churches by 1984 very realistic.

Your prayer support and financial gifts will enable us to respond to this Decade of Opportunities!



"A Bountiful Harvest" Campaign Committee met October 7-9 for two-and-a-half days of intensive planning. Fifty-two new churches by 1984 was the topic. Watch the December Herald for more details.

I Have A Question!

Q. I THOUGHT A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST WAS OVER?

A. No, it's only one year old. "A Bountiful Harvest" summarizes The Brethren Home Missions Council's five-year goals, which will be completed in 1984.

Q. WHAT EXACTLY ARE THESE GOALS?

A. Our overall goal is to plant 52 new Grace Brethren churches by 1984. Contributing to this five-year plan are four "strategy" goals: 1. Direct all (1979) 42 existing Home Missions churches into self-supporting works; 2. Add new points to the existing budget, replacing self-supporting works; 3. Enter at least four new states, plus Canada, for the Grace Brethren Fellowship; and 4. Raise \$400,000 by December 31, 1979, over and above our current budget, to plant 10 new churches beyond our budgeted expectations.

Q. HOW ARE YOU DOING ON THE GOALS?

A. We are excited about our progress! As of September 15, 1980, we have received \$70,523 toward the \$400,000 goal. Although this is behind the timing which we projected, we have squeezed every dollar to plant 16 new Home Missions points during 1979 and 1980! Since the introduction of "A Bountiful Harvest" nine Home Missions churches have gone self-supporting! Two Bible classes are developing in Canada. Two new states, adopted in 1979, bring us halfway to realizing our

goal of four new states for our Fellowship! Fantastic church-planting opportunities are developing throughout our Fellowship. We praise the Lord for what He is doing!

Q. DO YOU REALLY NEED THAT \$400,000?

A. After rethinking our needs, we have confirmed that those funds are necessary to plant 52 new churches by 1984. But we're not waiting until it comes in! We are aggressively pursuing our goals and endeavoring to plant new churches in the most efficient way possible. We are committed to 52 new churches and if that can be done with far less money—then praise the Lord! Our research indicates that the money is needed and we believe that our Fellowship will respond to our needs as they develop. As the Lord continues to open the doors for new churches, we know that He will supply our needs and our goals will be met!

Q. HOW ARE YOU APPEALING FOR THE \$400,000?

A. We are maintaining our original approach. We are asking individuals to give \$40 over and above their regular Home Missions offerings so that we can plant 10 churches in addition to our anticipated 42 new churches by 1984.

Q. CAN PEOPLE GIVE BIGGER GIFTS?

A. Sure! We have received many gifts from \$100 to over \$3000. All of the money received is used in

this special church-planting thrust.

Q. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MY ABH GIFTS?

A. Yes, two things. First, to become involved in this visionary program we are requesting \$40 for single membership and \$60 for joint membership (\$20 for spouse). Both of these options may be carried out by four monthly payments of \$10 or \$15 respectively. Secondly— we need the money mailed direct to The Brethren Home Missions Council.

Q. WHY CAN'T I GIVE THROUGH MY LOCAL CHURCH?

A. The local church would be our preference, we are committed to working WITH local churches! But since we are planting 10 churches beyond our budgeted expectations, we need money over and above our budget! The only way we can determine monies "over and above," and directly thank our contributors by mailing our attractive lapel pins—is by asking for direct gifts.

Q. WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO JOINED A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST LAST YEAR? ARE THEY STILL A PART OF THIS PROGRAM?

A. Most certainly!!! We appreciate every team member that gave to our general budget, this Bountiful Harvest campaign, and/or gave us valuable prayer support. Because Brethren gave of their resources, God was able to produce great results in 1979 and 1980. Previous Bountiful Harvest contributors may choose to

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New Churches and Classes Directory

Beebe, Canada

Rev. James Hunt T
167 W. Main St.
Newport, VT 05855

Butler, Pennsylvania

Rev. Robert L. Burns T
R.R. 4 Box 39
Kittanning, PA 16201

***Canal Fulton, Ohio**

Rev. Robert Carmean P
Grace Brethren Chapel
5516 Bridgeport
Canal Fulton, OH 44614

Charlotte, North Carolina

Grace Brethren Church
Rev. Steve Jarrell P
5534 #6 Northstream Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28208

***Cincinnati, Ohio**

Rev. Mike Clapham T
12066 Benadir Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45246

***Ephrata, Pennsylvania**

Rev. Ed Gross P
Box 144
Ephrata, PA 17522

Flossmoor, Illinois

Mr. Keith Neely L
711 Bruce
Flossmoor, IL 60422

Frostburg, Maryland

Rev. Wayne Mensinger T
Route 1, Box 379
Frostburg, MD 21532

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Mr. Larry Coggins T
c/o Hope GBC
P.O. Box 275
Dillsburg, PA 17019

***Hartford City, Indiana**

Rev. Robert Ashman T
c/o Phil Jones
Route 4, Box 461A
Hartford City, IN 47348

***Henderson, Nevada**

Don Blakeley T
632 Apollo Drive
Henderson, NV 89015

***Island Pond, Vermont**

Grace Brethren Church
Rev. Warren Tamkin P
P.O. Box 728
Island Pond, VT 05846

Jacksonville, Florida

Rev. Gary Cole T
Grace Brethren Church
Barberville Road, Rte. 40
Ormond Beach, FL 32074

Kaibito, New Mexico

Navajo
Rev. John Trujillo T
Brethren Navajo Mission

Lakeland, Florida

Rev. Ed Jackson T
c/o Mr. Willard Yothers
126 E. Palm Drive
Lakeland, FL 33803

Lakewood, California

Rev. Al Ramirez P
Grace Brethren Church
11859 E. 209 St.
Lakewood, CA 90715

Lexington, Kentucky

Mr. David Landrum T
3581 Bold Bidder Dr.
Lexington, KY 40502

***Melbourne, Florida**

Rev. Earl Moore P
Grace Brethren Church
2857 Pembroke Rd.
Melbourne, FL 32935

Newark, Delaware

Rev. Timothy Coyle P
Grace Brethren Church
9 Jamison St.
Kimberton, Newark, DE 19713

Newport, Vermont

Rev. James Hunt T
167 W. Main St.
Newport, VT 05855

***New Port Richey, Florida**

Mr. Lonnie Miller L
Ja-Mar Travel Park
1793 U.S. Hwy 19 N.
Port Richey, FL 33568

***Placerville, California**

Rev. Darrell Anderson P
Grace Brethren Church
3020 Newtown Rd.
Box 20
Placerville, CA 95667

***Riverside, California**

Rev. Brian Smith P
Grace Brethren Church
10641 Zodiac
Riverside, CA 92503

Santa Rosa, California
Rev. Melford Grimm T
4355 Panorama Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

***Sebring, Florida**

Mr. Stephen Figley L
Route 3, Box 2914
Okeechobee, FL 33472

Stanstead, Quebec

Rev. James Hunt T
167 W. Main St.
Newport, VT 05855

Toledo, Ohio

Rev. Jeffry Carroll P
Maumee Valley GBC
1114 Harrow
Toledo, OH 43615

Toledo, Ohio

Rev. Richard Hopkins P
Calvary Grace Brethren Church
302 N. Main Street
Walbridge, OH 43465

***Torrance, California**

Rev. Tom Hughes P
South Bay GBC
24216 Park St.
Torrance, CA 90505

Troutville, Virginia

Rev. Ralph Morgan T
c/o Ghent GBC
1511 Maiden Ln, S.W.
Roanoke, VA 24015

***Vertura, California**

Rev. Robert MacMillan P
Grace Brethren Church
P.O. Box 3732
Ventura, CA 93006

Waldorf, Maryland

Pastor Jeff Thronley T
c/o Grace Brethren Church
5000 St. Barnabas Rd.
Temple Hills, MD 20031

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Please contact one of these new groups if you are moving to their area and could be used of the Lord to help build a Grace Brethren Church. In addition to praying for these new developments, you could assist in the growth of these churches and classes if you can supply the groups with names of friends and family members who might be relocating in one of these areas.

BIF Investors Contribute to Anchorage Self-Support!

October 26, 1980 marked the third anniversary for the Anchorage, Alaska, Grace Brethren Church and also their self-supporting Sunday. After three short years the Anchorage Brethren have grown from a handful of believers meeting as a home Bible study to a congregation of over 150 meeting in their own sanctuary/multipurpose building. Just six months ago the Anchorage Grace Brethren were dedicating a beautiful new building—now they are self-supporting!

The vision and commitment of Pastor Larry Smithwick and his lay people are certainly a primary reason for the church's phenomenal growth. In addition to that, Pastor Larry sights God for making the impossible a reality, and the Brethren Investment Foundation for speeding up the process.

The Anchorage Brethren were able to build three years earlier and save \$300,000 in interest by financing through the BIF rather than some other financial institution! This advanced progress and lower monthly payments have helped these believers in achieving their self-supporting goals.

The Brethren Home Missions Council praises God for what He has done, the Anchorage Brethren for allowing God to use them in reaching their community for Christ, and Brethren Investment Foundation investors for making this necessary "growth" loan possible! BIF money is being used to establish strong gospel outposts!

I Have A Question!

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give again, others may not be able to. In either case, they are a vital part of our active team. (Our BHMC board members have recommitted themselves to another year of Bountiful Harvest gifts. We anticipate many others to follow this example.)

Q. WHAT'S THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WAY I CAN HELP "A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST?"

A. Pray! Consistently pray for our ministry, our Fellowship, the spiritual needs of our nation and neighboring country, your local church and finally your own personal spiritual impact on others. As you develop a global vision for reaching souls, and personally become involved in evangelizing and discipling your sphere of contacts, 52 new churches in the Grace Brethren Fellowship will become a reality!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING "A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST!"

New Churches and Classes Directory Continued

Watkins, Ohio

Roger Krynock P
2328 Carr Rd.
Ostrander, OH 43061

Yucca Valley, California
Rev. Roger Mayes P
7363 Palomar Ave.
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

Possibilities:

Ocala, Florida
Detroit, Michigan
Stockton, California
Vacaville, California
Vancouver, Canada

***New 1980 and 1981 Home Missions points.**

*P=Pastor
T=Teacher
L=Layman*

Note: This list may not represent all Bible classes or churches being developed in the Grace Brethren Fellowship. We request you help in keeping us informed of current developments!

Yes, I want to be involved in this exciting church planting venture!

Here's my:

- ☐ \$40 anniversary gift, over and above my normal BHMC offering.
- ☐ \$40 anniversary gift, plus \$20 anniversary gift for my spouse.
- ☐ \$10 — first of four monthly payments towards my special anniversary gift.
- ☐ \$15 — first of four monthly payments for the anniversary gifts of my spouse and I.
- ☐ I will pray daily for the success of "A Bountiful Harvest."

Name _____

Street _____

City, State _____ Zip _____

Local Church _____



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youth, and church growth

Thanksgiving—A Cherished Joy

A thankful spirit is a clean one, encouraged by sovereignty and refreshed by the joy of the Lord.

May God bless you and use you to promote by example a positive spirit of thanksgiving to God.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour, all the day long.

We at CE have long lists of causes for gratitude, and you who sponsor us with your prayers and gifts are in all caps. Thank you

very much. You cooperate with the Lord in keeping many very special works going for His glory.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5 says it for me. Thank you.

Knut Larson

Psalm 119:80-81

GBC Christian Education urges you to join with Brethren from all over Grace churches in praying these words of commitment for yourself and each other. Salvation will come to more, and we will be more of a Great Commission church, when we languish for His salvation and wait for and obey His Word.

Thank you for the daily care.

Pastor's Class Notebook

Revised and enlarged

\$2 per spiral notebook

A great way to study basics and GBC heritage and practices, whether on your own or with a study group or class at church.

Study it on your own

Study it as a family

Study it in a small group

Study it in a Sunday school class

Pastor's Class
Sign up for growth!

Big Valley Grace:

It doesn't get old naming the same church year after year as the FGBC "Church of the Year." Not when they have the kind of heart and soul and growth that Big Valley Grace has had in Modesto, California.

They grew 53.9 percent in the

1980 Prayer Goals of Big Valley Grace

1. That we be known as a praying church and make prayer our number one priority.
2. That we establish and maintain vital, effective family ministries which result in stronger marriages and obedient godly children.
3. That we bring 300 new people to Jesus Christ as personal Saviour; baptize over 150 obedient disciples, and add 200 responsible new members.
4. That we expand to 25 home Bible studies and involve over 400 in discipleship.
5. That we begin 3 new adult Sunday school classes and see Sunday school attendance top 700.
6. That we enlist 250 students in Big Valley Christian Schools and expand through fifth grade.
7. That we lead in the establishment of new Bible-teaching church in Stockton.
8. That we grow in our ability to demonstrate our Lord's NEW COMMANDMENT — "LOVE" to one another.
9. That we step-up equipping Christian soldiers to impact our community morally, and prepare them to face our changing world.
10. That we expand the facilities of BVG campuses to meet the needs of growth

composite numbers of Sunday school, morning worship, and membership. Morning attendance: from 468 to 729; and Sunday school: from 280 to 465, in a yearly average.

GBC Christian Education joins the rest of our churches in applauding and praising God for this pace-setting church with a bulging program.

Fellowship Big Valley style.

Dr. David Seifert, who helps CE as "Church Growth Consultant," said the growth success is related to "people actively sharing their faith and ministering to one another's needs as Jesus taught."

If you asked those people about it they would mention Seifert too. His vision and goal to meet real needs come through in all the ministries of Big Valley.

A recent issue of their church newspaper, *The Big Valley Vine*, included a front-page account of the pro-family conference some of the church leaders had attended in Long Beach; a testimony from a man expressing why he invests heavily in the "Together We Build" expansion drive; news of the barbeque held by the new "Foundations" class, taught by the pastor; and details about the women's Thursday morning sessions in creative homemaking, and the 3-D groups for dieting and discipline.

Inside the paper held a picture and story of a doctor and his live-in girlfriend, and how they both have been changed by

conversion and Christ's Spirit to begin a Christian marriage . . . news about children's choirs beginning with Tuesday practices . . . the college-career study and social schedule . . . review of the teams ministering weekly in the



hospital and rest homes . . . pictures of games and joy at the Labor Day "Old Fashioned Country Fair" and the outside Sunday evening concert the day before . . . the special speakers for the men's retreat and three Sunday evening guest speakers . . . the "Senior Saints Appreciation Day" ad . . . a scientific Genesis and evolution rally for three days with Dr. John C. (for creationism) Whitcomb . . . law enforcement day at the church with honors and thanks for local policemen . . . softball league trophies, with Seifert at bat . . . VBS stats (526 children daily) . . . and a statement of concern, "Our Freedom Is Diminishing" by Seifert—no wonder the place is alive and well.

The back page pictures the seven handsome healthy staff members of the growing Christian school.

1980 "Church of the Year"

The discipleship program of six levels of one-on-one and group instruction is a real strength of the church.

Mike Morris, pastor of Christian education, gave us charts of the well-organized Sunday school and youth ministries with the comment: "We're kind of like a bunch of country kids in the back of a pickup on a super summer day—just having a great time going along for the ride. We don't necessarily know exactly where the pickup is going, but it's sure great being along for the ride."

If it's a pickup indeed, it certainly doesn't seem to be wearing out or getting old. And we're glad.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS' COMMITMENT

To maintain a high standard for the teachers and workers of our family Bible school, all personnel on our Sunday school staff are required to sign this standard annually, indicating that you are in complete harmony with these standards.

1. Only those persons may teach, supervise, or work who have acknowledged Jesus Christ to be their Saviour and Lord (see 1 Tim. 1:15-16).
2. All workers must have read and agree to our Statement of Faith (found in the Church Constitution) and that nothing shall be taught contrary to that statement (see Gal. 1:8).
3. All workers are expected, by God's grace, to live a consistent Christian life as set forth in the Word of God and to refrain from those practices and pleasures which are detrimental to the cause of Christ and our testimony before men and the children we teach (see 1 Cor. 10:31-33).
4. All workers are expected to be faithful in attendance at *all* public services of the church unless providentially hindered by the Lord (see Heb. 10:25).
5. All workers are expected to honor and respect those in authority over them (see 1 Thess. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:7).

Date _____ Department _____

Position _____ Signature _____

Characteristics of Growing Churches

Check your church out by looking at your heart. And your weekly schedule.

Here they are:

eight common characteristics of growing churches—compiled from GBC Christian Education from lists of church growth doctors and studies of healthy churches

Factor	What I can do, or our church
1. The Sovereignty of God Ephesians 1:11 He does what He wishes!	A. Pray! And ask others to pray daily! B. Work hard, but then relax.
2. The Lordship of Christ Colossians 1:18 Through the Word and prayer	A. Be sure all boards, especially the main theology-policy group, really seek biblical guidelines and pray in unanimous trust. B. Respect and obey Scripture personally.
3. The Leadership of Love Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:1-4 The leaders really shepherd and care	A. Support your leaders with daily prayer, cooperation, and direct suggestions. B. Spread love and a positive spirit around! C. Lead with servanthood, teamwork, and joy.
4. The Work of Many Ephesians 4:11-13 The passion of the equipper: to get others involved!	A. Get involved! Ask your church leaders how you can help if you are not already. B. As a leader, always share ministries with others, and appreciate it! It's great how many are willing to serve.

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1980 National Achievement Competition Winners

Vocal Solo I—Men

Joel Mayer—Mid-Atl., 1st place
Keith Holmes—NEO, 2nd place

Vocal Solo II—Men

Bari Morgan—So. Cal.-Ariz., 1st place
Chris Rice—Mid-Atl., 2nd place

Vocal Solo I—Women

Kelly Gillis—So. Cal.-Ariz., 1st place
Lida Glass—So. Ohio, 2nd place

Vocal Solo II—Women

Todd Morgan—Mid-Atl., 1st place
Melody Thompson—SE, 2nd place

Small Vocal Ensemble

New Holland Ensemble—N. Atl., 1st place
Foltz/Shepley—Mid-Atl., 2nd place

Large Vocal Ensemble

Living Water—Mid-Atl., 1st place
Transformed—N. Atl., 2nd place

Youth Choir

His Promise—N. Atl., 1st place
Morning Star—NEO, 2nd place

Puppetry

Englewood—So. Ohio, 1st place
Winona Lake—Ind., 2nd place

Teen Challenge Speaker

Dave McClellan—NW, 1st place
Tom Barlow—NCO, 2nd place

Teen Evangelistic Speaker

John Boal—Allegheny, 1st place
Gordon Shuler—Ind., 2nd place

Teen Teacher

Beth Russell—N. Atl., 1st place
Susan Johnson—Allegheny, 2nd place

Dramatic Arts

Martinsburg—West Penn, 1st place
Temple Hills—Mid-Atl., 2nd place

Interpretative Scripture Memorization

Adam Raymond—NW, 1st place
Valerie Canfield—Ind., 2nd place

Original Poetry

Tom Barlow—NCO

Original Art

Jennifer Waring—Mid-Atl., 1st place
Luke Dunlap—Allegheny, 2nd place

Media

Waimalu—HI

Instrumental Solo

Faith Devin—Mid-Atl., 1st place
Rick Stair—NEO, 2nd place

Instrumental Ensemble

Wooster Bell Choir—NEO, 1st place
Osceola Flutes—Ind., 2nd place

Piano Solo

Jane Henry—So. Cal.-Ariz., 1st place
Lori Kunkelman—Mid-Atl., 2nd place

Keyboard Duet

Henry/Kurtaneck—So. Cal.-Ariz. 1st place
Wharton/Wharton—Ind., 2nd place

Congregational Song Leader

Rick Koontz—West Penn, 1st place
Lynn Newslinger—N. Atl., 2nd place

Bible Quizzing

1st place—NEO—Tim Moomaw,
Ruth Combs, Jim Grubb,
Charlene Bonar, Tracey Friddle
Mary Beth Combs
2nd place—NCO—Beth Farner,
Kathy Aulger, Casey Crabtree,
Cheryl Waggoner, Vic Forster,
Steve McCullen

Girls' Basketball

1st—Southeast
2nd—

Boys' Basketball

1st—Allegheny
2nd—

Mixed Volleyball

1st—Allegheny
2nd—

LOOKING BACK . . .

Over 1,100 young people and youth leaders attended the 1980 BNYC at Manchester College. God blessed with hundreds of decisions and a spirit of revival and real joy!

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5. The Fellowship of Love

Ephesians 2:19-22
The doors are wide open

- Open your life to others. Be hospitable and loving and especially greet new people.
- Help set the mood of the whole church with every word. Realize how important your part is.

6. The Outreach and Discipleship

Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20
The Church seeks to win people to Christ and responsible church membership

- Help in visitation and helping new people not only receive Christ but get involved in ministry.
- Never be satisfied or just relax but keep growing yourself as a disciple!

7. Effective Simply Organization with Accountability and Flexibility

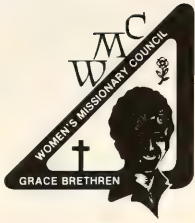
1 Corinthians 9:22-23; 14:33, 40
Things get done

- Be sure you aren't creating red tape but seeking to have vital ministry.
- Help church leaders keep things simple and give direct responsibilities to people rather than just committees.
- The larger you get, the simpler the main organization should be.

8. A Biblical Program Big Enough to Meet Needs

A growing church finds needs and meets them

- Be sure you have helps for all ages and places where people hurt today. Do your part.
- If you know needs, go to church leaders and share concerns to get something started to help.
- Know that your passions and concerns won't belong to everyone—a growing church will have people involved in many different areas. But unity is important!



Women Manifesting Christ

Missionary Birthdays

JANUARY 1981

(If no address is listed, the address will be found on pages 32-34 of the 1981 Grace Brethren Annual.)

AFRICA	
Dr. Harold Mason	January 1
Miss Lois Wilson	January 5
Miss Clara Garber	January 16
Mrs. Beverly Garber	January 22
Dr. Larry Pfahler	January 27
Mrs. Martine Vieuble	January 30

ARGENTINA	
Rev. Lynn Hoyt	January 3
Miss Alice Peacock	January 5
Mrs. Carolyn Robinson	January 27

FRANCE	
Rev. Kent Good	January 12
Mrs. Becky Good	January 24

GERMANY	
Rev. John Pappas	January 13
Lamar Peugh	January 17, 1976

IN THE UNITED STATES	
Dr. William Walker	January 5
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Mrs. Dortha Dowdy	January 27
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Offering Opportunity

This year our Home Missions offering goes toward the beginning of a Navajo high school. The money will not be used for construction, but towards the salary and actual operation of the program. The program used will be individualized education much like ACE used in Christian schools throughout the country. The headmaster charts the course and the student is encouraged through a plan of personal study. The need is great, as prior to the opening of the high school all Navajo students and missionary children either had to attend government schools or go far away from home and familiar environment to Christian high schools.

The goal is \$8,500.00.

The due date is December 10, 1980.



**"For the Lord
grants wisdom!
His every word
is a treasure of
knowledge and understanding."**

PROVERBS 2:6

WMC Idea File

— Please do not wholesale your order of membership cards. Each year many councils order dozens of cards. This is terrific if that many new ladies are added to the membership roll of your council. Remember, however, that a council member does not need a new card for each year in WMC. Some use stars on the cards to indicate how many years each lady has been a member of WMC.

— Plan a get-together sometime during the year for Mini-Maxi. This could be a Christmas social.

— Maxi, you can plan a social time with your Mini without the entire group of Maxis participating. Perhaps several of you with Minis the same age could invite them over together for a special time devoted to something of their interest. Bake a batch of cookies together for a local nursery school or the kindergarten department at church.

— Pray for the outreach of your local SMM groups. For goals, the girls at some time are to invite guests. While they receive rewards through accomplished goals by doing this, the guests can also receive an eternal reward if through the SMM program they are reached for the Saviour.

— Get acquainted with your BSLV student through correspondence if you have not done so yet this year. Let them know what your group is doing and what some of the individuals of your group are involved in. Are you a teacher? Tell them so. Do you faithfully pray for them? Tell them so. Include some blessings from your meetings and share yourself.



by Linda Hoke

When I was a youngster, my cousins and I loved to go with our grandfather, more affectionally known as Pappy, for an ice cream cone or another treat. Pappy would usually give the money to one of the children and allow that child to feel a little more mature by paying for the treats of her cousins. The feeling was super, and for a moment the one paying was "top dog." Pappy was careful to rotate the honor and was very subtle in presenting the money to the child. One evening we were all in the car proceeding to our favorite ice cream parlor when the question was asked, "Who will treat tonight?" One of the cousins replied, "Let Pap treat; he never does!"

As recall brings the humor of the situation to light, one might also apply it spiritually thus: the Lord gives many blessings, spiritual and material, and we in our naivete somehow believe that the money in our pocket or personal well-being is self-produced. God's subtle leading in our lives is rejected as such and we are put on the throne of our lives. An even larger blessing would result if we would see the Lord as the giver, to acknowledge that He who gave *all* has given to us.

Could you be a source of encouragement to the readers of "Homespun"? Share with other Christians the way in which the Lord has enriched your life through everyday occurrences. Send each article of 200-250 words to Mrs. Linda Hoke, Route 1, Hickory Estates, Warsaw, Indiana 46580.

Missionary Biographies



Beverley Garber

I, Beverly Garber, greet you all in the name of our wonderful Saviour. I have been a missionary in the Central African Republic for 27 years. Presently I am living at the Bata station where the Bible Institute is located. I teach 9 hours a week in the school, besides keeping the house going for my husband and children, and acting as the station hostess.

My husband's name is Martin, and he keeps busy teaching 13 hours a week, and does mechanical work. We have twins, John and Joyce, who are 15 years old. They attend high school in Zaire. They get to come home on vacation every 10 weeks. It is always a happy occasion when we hear "88 Charlie" landing on our air strip with our vacation-bound children. Our youngest daughter, Lynda Kay, who is almost 11, lives with us here at Bata where she is attending the missionary children's school.

An interesting custom here in Africa is the viewpoint of being heavy or slim. When I first came to Africa, I was young and slim, weighing 98 pounds. Now, years later, I arrived back from furlough in the states weighing some 45 pounds heavier. At one of our conferences there were people there who we had worked with years ago. Since that time we have worked in several other areas. When these friends saw me after all these years

they said, "Oh Madame, you are *pendere mingui*," meaning, you are very beautiful because you are no longer thin like you were years ago!

Just recently I was served a very special dish; one that I could never before bring myself to eat. That dish was python meat (snake). It took me all these years to try it. Of course, someone else did the cooking. It really was not bad at all. In fact, it was very good and tasty, but still I had a hard time enjoying it. I kept thinking, "I am eating snake meat!"

One of the most rewarding experiences is to revisit the area where we worked years ago, and to realize that the people we had worked with and trained are still faithful in pastoring their churches. Continue to pray for these people that they may always stay faithful to His Word. Continue to pray for our children as they go off to school in another country. We thank each and every one of you for your prayers and offerings.



Mary Hoyt

My name is Mary Hoyt. My husband and I are missionaries in Argentina and our job as missionaries is church planting, although I am mainly a housewife. We have four children: Phillip—nine, Kathy—six, Michael—five, and

Elizabeth—two. All of our children are with us on the field.

An unusual experience happened to us when we were in the process of naming our fourth child, Elizabeth. When we knew we were expecting another child, we immediately thought about names. I knew the government had certain laws about the names that could be used, but I really didn't know how extreme some of them were. We got the necessary papers to fill out for the birth certificate, and we put down "Elizabeth Anita." The official looked at "Elizabeth" and said it had to be spelled "E-L-I-S-A-B-E-T." Well, that wasn't too bad, because on the birth certificate from the embassy we could spell it like we wanted it. But the name "Anita" was not acceptable. The official gave us the list of approved names and said to pick one from the list.

One of the hardest things for us to adjust to was that everything takes time. We have waited in the checkout lane of a store 10 to 15 minutes, until the clerk finished talking with her friend. Once, we were looking for a parking space in a parking lot, and we happened to see a man sitting in his car. Lynn asked him if he was leaving and he said, "Yes, but don't rush me." So it does take time to adjust to these different things.

For the most part people are very friendly. If you visit in their homes, they want you to feel at home so they offer you *matte*. *Matte* is a type of drink which is served in a gourd and drunk with a straw. When one person is finished it is given to the hostess, who fills it with hot water and gives it to the next person. To refuse to drink would really hurt the hostess' feelings.

Continue to pray for us as we serve the Lord in Argentina.



When Life Began by Louisa Hill

I cannot lecture or enlighten you on how to bring up your children or how to treat your husband. I am not an expert in either of these things; no, in fact, I am still a student rather than a teacher. I am still learning how to be the Christian woman the Lord would like me to be.

I was born in Western Germany, into a family with a Catholic and Lutheran background. My mother was a Catholic, and my father was Lutheran. My father died when I was six years old. It was war-time in Germany and I was separated from my mother. When the war ended and my family was reunited, my mother decided to keep her promise to the church and bring up all her children as Catholics. Both my brother and I were baptized into the Catholic Church.

I took my belief very seriously and was a practicing Catholic up to the age of 30. To me, in those days, God was someone very far away and he would someday judge me according to my deeds. I believed that if I had the great fortune to die without a deadly sin on my heart, I had a chance of getting into heaven after spending a given time in purgatory. One day the struggle of keeping all the laws became too much for me, so I left the church and put God and religion behind me.

Now, I thought, "life" can begin. But, oh dear, what a mess I made of it all. Nothing could bring me happiness for long—no job, not even my marriage. I was constantly

searching for fulfillment.

After many years of marriage and many operations, my yearning for a child was not fulfilled. David and I decided to adopt a child. Then, I thought, I would be happy and content. But what a disaster it was. I could not cope with all the problems such a child brings along with it. I sunk deeper and deeper into depression.

On and off over the years, the thought of God did not leave me. At times I thought He had created the earth and people, and had then gone away. Then, as my need was very great and everything seemed to be collapsing around me, the Lord stepped in and I met an American lady by the name of Irene Dilworth. Her husband, Freddy, was serving in the U.S. Air Force in Germany at that time. Irene told me about her life with Jesus. In fact, to start with, she told me about Him far too often for my liking.

Then I started to long for the love and freedom she was enjoying in Jesus. One day, as I was out walking, I met her again and she told me that she had been praying for me for a long time. I must say, that for a moment I was shocked that someone cared enough to spend time to pray for me. From that time on I started to read everything Irene gave me to read. More and more I discovered how Jesus loved us and what His death really meant for us. I realized that I had been looking for *happiness* instead of for *Him*, and that I had been looking in the wrong places.

As I sat one afternoon in our living room reading the *Four Spiritual Laws*, it came to me that all I had to do to obtain everlasting life was to kneel down and accept the Lord into my life. It seemed so easy; *too easy*. I argued with myself, "I don't know enough. I must learn more. What if I make a mistake?" Then I seemed to know that I should do it *now* and read about it later. After a struggle with myself, I knelt down and accepted the Lord into my life.

The next thing I felt I should do, was to tell someone about it. Short-

ly afterwards my husband returned from work. I thought that if I didn't tell him then, I would not have the courage later. His reaction was one of amusement. He laughingly asked if I had joined the happy people. Come to think of it, that's just what I had done! My month-long depression had lifted. My nature changed almost immediately; so much so that my husband noticed it and mentioned it to Irene. He started to take my life with Jesus seriously.

My struggle was not over, by any means. I was often tried very hard, but now I was not alone as I had Christ to fight for me and with me. My friend Irene and I visited a Bible study group once a week and I grew quickly in the Lord.

One of the first hurdles I had to take was to get rid of my modern fetishes such as religious medallions and crucifixes. I had quite a struggle before I was able to look upon these things as just pieces of metal and wood. However, after a long telephone conversation with Irene and a few Bible verses, I was convinced that they could be disposed of in the rubbish bin.

I still had many other hurdles to clear. Christina, our adopted daughter, was so different than I. In many ways she was a stranger to me. No matter how hard I tried, she remained an alien to me, but I was determined to love her. I could not do that in myself, but the Lord in my life helped me.

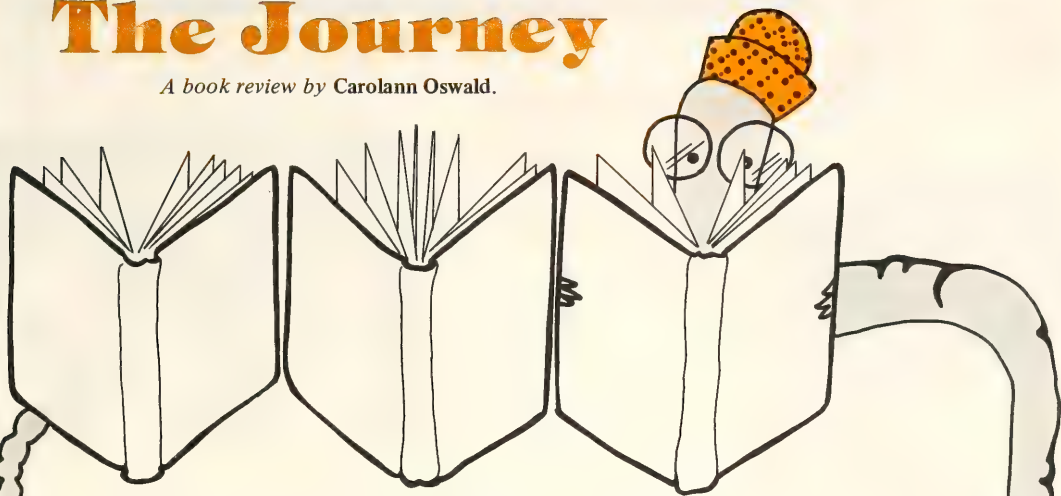
I began to accept her, out of the hands of the Lord as the blessed child He had given me. I learned to love her and to accept her for what she was. It was wonderful to note the change in her personality. She became soft, as I am. She showed me love as I showed her love, and she accepted me, finally, as I accepted her. We prayed for each other; for me in particular that I would not lose my patience with her.

It was through the correction of our Christina that David learned more about what it was to be a Christian.

(To be continued.)

The Journey

A book review by Carolann Oswald.



The Journey is a verbal trip through the life of Rose Warmer. It is the poignant study of an Austro-Hungarian Jewess living during the time of Hitler's massive invasions in Europe.

The Journey was authored by Myrna Grant, a member of the faculty at Wheaton College Graduate School, and author of the IVAN series.

The Journey begins in Hungary. Rose is five and enjoying a somewhat pampered life. The word "war" is sometimes casually tossed about, but the word "war" is soon to become synonymous with "life."

The Journey progresses from the Eden of Piestany's well-known health spa to the canaled ancient city of Vienna; to Budapest; to England; and back to Czechoslovakia. Then to Auschwitz, past the crematoriums, to the doors of the gas chambers. Travel, free at last, to Prague, depart for Canada, and soar to Palestine. When the last words of *The Journey* were penned, Rose's final destination was clearly known, though not yet reached.

The Journey offers many experiences presented in word pictures so clear the reader becomes a participant. Readers will romp with a free-spirited child; search with a willful young dancer/sculptress; wrestle with screaming demons; taste the bitterness of ill-fated love; warm in the care of tenacious Christians; shiver, nearly naked, in the coldness of a bombed-out basement, crowded with several scrawny women and flooded with six inches of human excretion; toil under the brutal eye of Nazi guards; worship with a grateful heart; start over again; and fulfill God's plan.

The Journey introduces the reader to Poppa, a Jew by birth, who is head electrician for an exclusive health spa. Poppa is totally consumed by his work and providing material advantage for his family—Momma, a nominally reverent Jewess who prays daily; Grandma, who won't visit unless the whole house is Kosher; Uncle, who attends daily prayers because he likes the card games that follow; Auntie, whose stern orthodox ways stir rebellion in a young heart; Felice, the practical sister; Louis, the gnostic husband; cruel guards; starving prisoners; countless believers; and others.

The Journey provides clear insight to early childhood influences; the power of the printed page; the depths of human depravity; the keeping comfort of the Holy Spirit; the effectiveness of fervent prayer; the love of God that turns surviving into living.

The Journey is not a book of atrocities. But on its pages, woven with a wealth of picturesque history, is an ugly thread giving account of the holocaust Hitler and his troops imposed. This, as bad as it was, simply becomes a background for praise to God for His sustaining grace and care.

The Journey is Rose Warmer's story. It is an exciting, adventure-filled literary trip, well worth taking.

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Postscript: Rose Warmer now lives in Palestine in a nursing home. At least once a year she comes to the USA to visit friends—especially those affiliated with a Hebrew Mission in Philadelphia, who have taken special interest in her work over the years. Several WMC ladies, traveling with tour groups to Palestine, have met Rose in person and claim she is a warm and radiant personality.

Are They Worth It?

We're talking about the boys in your church—those Grace Brethren boys. Are they worth it? Are they worth the time it takes to work with them? The time to prepare for the weekly meetings. The time spent in the meetings, and the time spent after the meetings helping with problems.

Love and patience must be given. Love to see beyond dirty faces and tousled hair, to see the spiritual needs of the boys. Patience to put up with all of the noise, pranks, and discouragements that come along. There is the need of money and a lot of prayers for wisdom and insight. Also, there is a need for dedicated men—men with vision for seeing the potential of what God can do through them.

Are the boys of your church really worth it?

Before you answer, consider a man—a Sunday school teacher named Ezra Kimball. One day this shoe clerk met a young boy; a young boy who needed Christ. Ezra Kimball led the young lad to Jesus Christ, and in turn two continents were shaken for Jesus Christ! What if Mr. Kimball had decided that D. L. Moody was not worth the time and effort?

Let us bring it a little closer home to the potential of the young people in your church. They will not be boys very long, and the influence of you and your church will soon be gone. Each of the boys represent a unique opportunity to bring glory to God. It will not happen unless there are those men who will help make it happen. The

boys must be led to the Lord, and then guided into the Christian growth and development.

You do not have to do it alone because in 1972 Grace Brethren Boys was brought into being to assist local churches in meeting the needs. The basic philosophy of Grace Brethren Boys is to provide the men of the local church with the tools and training so they might win boys to Jesus Christ, and help each boy to realize his own unique individual potential for God's glory.

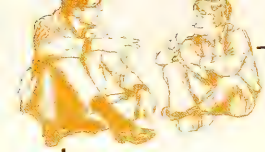
Grace Brethren Boys would like to train the men of your church, showing you how a weekly and yearly program can be tailored to your needs. Devotional and program guides are available to enhance your ministry.

By this time you understand we are not talking about a babysitting service. Our mission and purpose are clear—*reach that boy and disciple him*. The program and the outings are the medium; the purpose is to change lives.

Are the boys of your church worth it?

They are to God and they are to us. So, please join in working with the future leaders of your church.

Grace Brethren Boys
Mike Ostrander, Director
103 S. Willow Street
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Rally Report

The annual overnight men's rally for the men in the Northern Atlantic District was held September 19-20, 1980. There were 112 men and pastors present for this special event in the district. The rally was held at Camp Conquest—Grace Brethren Center located about 7 miles north of Ephrata, Pennsylvania, home of the newest Grace Brethren church in the district.

The rally has a number of purposes for its occurrence each year. A real effort is made on the part of the church hosting the rally to provide ample opportunity for fellowship with other men in the district. There is a built-in time for relaxation as well as inspiration, challenge, sharing and mutual encouragement. Pastors in the district are included in this function which gives them an opportunity to relate with men from their church in a different setting as well as get acquainted with men from the district.

At the rally there is also a business session for the men to go over the year's schedule of men's activities in the district plus caring for the special projects supported by the District Men's Fellowship. This involves projects relating to many of our national boards which our district supports financially. A key factor considered by the men at this past rally was more support for the director of Grace Brethren Boys ministry, Rev. Mike Ostrander.

Rev. Mike Ostrander presented slides of the High Adventure trip and shared the exciting developments in the GBC ministry. Pastor Bernie Simmons, Grace Brethren Church of Lititz, spoke on the subject "Our Great God" with a challenge to the men to believe in a God who is able to handle man-sized problems and difficulties. Pastor Mick Rockafellow, Grace Brethren Church of Elizabethtown, spoke on the subject "Family Building, Does It Just Happen?" challenging the men with some of the necessary building blocks for effective family building.

At the rally the following testimonies were given by men from the various churches that were represented. These items relate the various activities of the men to their local churches and specifically their local men's organization.

A number of men are involved with discipleship training classes with their pastor. This is a time of real leadership development among the men.

Some of the men in the district are going door-to-door doing visitation and inviting people to attend their church. This has been a real "eye opener" to those men who have been involved in this ministry.

A number of the churches are using a Saturday or Sunday morning for a meeting time for their local men's meetings. Most of the churches are meeting on a monthly basis; others are meeting at various times whenever a meeting would be helpful.

The men shared that most of their boys ministries were considered an auxiliary of their Wednesday evening family night program. Therefore, most of the men are actively working in the boys program during this particular time.

Words of appreciation for the rally were expressed from the men attending from our newest district churches. Men were present from Ephrata, Pennsylvania; and Newark, Delaware. It was a joy for these men to be involved with other men from the district in this special way.

Some of the men shared that they were working with their wives in some "team ministries" in their particular church. Some of the men are involved in the nursery, toddler, and the pre-kindergarten programs.

One church shared that they have a committee of men to help with their boys program. This committee works at finding help for the leaders plus securing resource people who can share in the boys work and be available to help with the boys ministry. This seems to have brought a good feeling of help to the boys work by men who are not able to contribute to this ministry on a regular weekly basis.

Ideas and suggestions on your district and local functions and/or ministries by the men are welcome.

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Discovering Europe

by Jerry Twombly

We arrived in Vienna, Austria, about 2:30 in the afternoon on Sunday, May 25. Our assignment: Make final preparations for the European Discovery Tour.

Our flight from New York City

was long and we were beginning to feel the fatigue caused by seven hours in the air and a seven-hour time change. Our opening minutes were spent going through customs, exchanging some American dollars in Austrian shillings and picking up our Hertz rental car. German is spoken throughout Austria and we quickly resorted to the question we would ask most as we began our investigative journey, "Do you speak English?"

"Zentrum," he spoke in rough English, "just follow signs to Zentrum and you will be in the center of the city." Oblivious to the impatient line forming behind me, I asked, "Zentrum . . . will you spell that for me?" Exasperated, he reached for a pen and spelled out in large block letters, Z-E-N-T-R-U-M. I eyed my wife, Sandy, with assurance and breathed out the muttered words, "There, I think I've got it."

We made our way to the car. It was a Volkswagon Derby. There we were assisted in packing our final pieces of luggage. Should I tip? Not knowing how many shillings would be appropriate, I reached for my billfold for an American dollar. "Maybe he won't know what it's worth," I thought. Not much, as I found out later!

We began our six-day trip con-

fused and overwhelmed. Could it be that in seven short hours we were in those countries that we had read and heard about all our lives? So much was different. There we were confronted with huge road signs blasting out their announcements: Einsbaun, Flaughauffen, Zentrum. Traffic moved swiftly leaving us little time to study our *Berlitz Guide to Easy German*. It was so new to us. No horns, 130 kilometer per hour speed limits, incredible countryside, hospitality from another world and cleanliness like we had never seen in America. Our short excursion gave us a new comprehension of the breadth and diversity on our tiny globe. We met people, all kinds of people, and saw needs in a sense that they had never grasped us before. Our six-day exploration took us to Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, and Germany. The experience added a dimension to our understanding and character that will never be forgotten.

Why a trip to Europe? Is it worth the investment? What will I see and would it be better alone or with a group?

Our European Discovery Tour will be a comprehensive investigative opportunity to see Europe as you never could alone. Not only

History, Bunk or Beautiful?

by Steve Grill

Henry Ford didn't like the way history was taught. He thought that simply reading about the past gave him a distorted view of history—he wanted to truly "see" history firsthand. That's why Henry Ford said "History is bunk!" and then went on to build one of the world's greatest "living" museums—Greenfield Village.

We agree with Henry. We want history to be a beautiful "living" experience for you, and it will become just that on our European tour. You'll "meet" kings and connivers, knights and peasants, persecutors and the persecuted as the history of Europe marches past us day after day. In particular, church history will take on a dynamic new dimension for you as we walk the streets that Luther walked, stand in the pulpit where Calvin preached, and descend into the dungeons which held our Protestant forefathers.

So come see the living sites of history. And learn for yourself that history is not bunk . . . it's beautiful!



A Missions Perspective

by Tom Julien

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields."

The only way to have a vision for something is to look at it. It would be ridiculous for someone driving through the Swiss Alps to close his eyes and pray, "Lord, give me a vision of these beautiful, snow-capped peaks."

Most people can only look at the mission fields through the eyes of someone else—a visiting missionary; a report of what God is doing; or a missions study.

Some of you, however, will have the privilege of seeing the "fields" of Europe firsthand. Your lives are guaranteed not to be the same. Your prayers will assume a new, visual dimension.

After our trip the spiritual needs of Europe will no longer be cold statistics that you read; it will be something you will feel. The people of Europe will assume faces.

Bon voyage, and may God lay the burden of Europe upon your hearts.

will we visit six of Western Europe's most intriguing countries (The Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Germany and Austria), but we will also see them from a perspective offered in very few travel opportunities. Joining us for this incredible trip will be Veteran European Missionary Tom Julien, and Dr. Steve Grill, a professor at Grace. As we see new and honored sites, something of their significance as it relates to our religious heritage will be explained. Many of the evenings will allow time for personalized lectures in the plush surroundings of our host hotels. There will be time for personal exploration on your own—a time to discover all the grandeur and intrigue of Europe.

You'll see Paris at night while traveling down the Seine River and later have the opportunity to grasp sight of the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and those other sights that make this city the cosmopolitan center of French life. The majestic Swiss Alps will be overwhelming and another boat ride on Lake Lucerne will provide you the opportunity to see the majesty of Switzerland while munching on famous Swiss fondue!

The Black Forest will astound you and climbing (or riding in a horse-drawn carriage) to Ludwig's famed castles in the heart of the Bavarian Alps will carry you into another world.

There will be an evening in the Chateau de Albain in France and the extraordinary Word of Life castles near Munich. You'll discover a new way of life, our extraordinary religious heritage and a new glimpse of what the Lord is doing today through evangelical mission activity.

And the best news is that this can all be done for \$1,595. The tour cost includes round-trip air fare from New York City, all accommodations, transportation and meals. An additional \$30 per person will cover all tips while in Europe. You'll never experience the frustration of knowing what to eat and where to go. Everything will be cared for. Here's a trip that will be made with friends who know and love the Lord like you do!

Everything is ready for a trip that you will never forget. Why not plan to join us April 2-14, 1981, for Europe together . . . as it can never be seen alone!

Day By Day Itinerary

Thurs., April 2—Depart from New York's Kennedy airport to Amsterdam.

Fri., April 3—Arrive in Amsterdam (during the annual Tulip Festival). A brief tour of the city, and then to the hotel.

Sat., April 4—Leave Amsterdam in the morning for Paris. A brief visit to Brussels, then on to the Eiffel Tower, and the Arch of Triumph. An evening boat ride down the Seine River.

Sun., April 5—Worship together and then a tour of Paris. Free afternoon for individual touring, an optional side trip to Versailles is offered.

Mon., April 6—Travel to St. Albain, France, to visit the Chateau Experience. Guide Tom Julien serves as director of this mission point.

Tues., April 6—On to Geneva, Switzerland. Points of interest: Francis Schaeffer's "L'Abri," and the city of Interlaken for the evening.

Wed., April 8, and Thurs., April 9—A morning drive to Lauterbrunnen to visit Switzerland's second highest peak—Jungfrau—for a cable car ride. After lunch to Brienz and its famed woodcarving industry. Later on to Lucerne for the next two nights.

Fri., April 10—On to Zurich. Later to Germany's Black Forest; a visit to the Rhine Falls; then to Heidelberg for the evening.

Sat., April 11—Visiting the Reformation Era sites in Heidelberg and Worms. South to Stuttgart to visit missionaries.

Sun., April 12—Worship and breakfast together, then on to Bavaria and the foothills of the Bavarian Alps. A stop at Fussen and one of Ludwig II's castles. Journeying to Starnberg, just south of Munich, to stay at the Word of Life Castle on the shores of Lake Starnberg.

Mon., April 13—To Austria! A stop in Salzburg in the Alps, then to Vienna and a special show of Austria's famed horses.

Tues., April 14—A tour of Vienna, then to the airport for home. Approximate arrival at Kennedy's airport: 7:00 p.m.

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News Notes

POSITION CHANGE

Mr. Ron Clinger, Director of Business Affairs, reports that Mr. Don Fluke has been promoted to the position of Director of Data Processing at Grace Schools. He was employed by Grace in 1977 when he was given the position of Supervisor of Data Processing. Mr. Fluke majored in Data Processing at Indiana University in Fort Wayne, and had been previously employed at Dahms and Yarian Auditors in Warsaw, Indiana, where he was responsible, among other things, for the Grace Schools account.

BASKETBALL TEAM ON TOUR

A sixteen-member basketball team from Grace College will be ministering and playing for two weeks in the Pacific Northwest over the Christmas break this year. Jim Kessler, head coach for the Lancer hoopers, announced that twelve players, three coaches and the team manager will represent the school on the court and in the church.

The team will have a variety of ministries in Washington churches. On January 4 the players will be in the Kent Grace Brethren Church, and on January 11 will be ministering to Grace Brethren congregations in the Yakima Valley.

The Lancers will arrive at the Sea-Tac Airport on Sunday, December 28. They will participate in a district snow retreat at beautiful Camp Clear Lake the following three days.

On Thursday of that same week they will travel to Vancouver, Canada. They will take on the University of British Columbia on Friday, January 2; and Trinity Western College on Saturday, January 3.

The following week will see the team taking on high caliber competition from throughout central and western Washington. Teams to be played that week include: Northwestern, University of Seattle, St. Martins, Central Washington State and Seattle Pacific.

Coaches traveling with the team will be head mentor Kessler and assistants Ken Taylor and Larry Vaughn.

WHEATON HONORS MESSNER

Grace Schools Director of Development Dick Messner has been inducted into the Wheaton College Crusader Hall of Fame. This honor is bestowed upon outstanding Wheaton alumni athletes. Only 28 athletes have been so honored to date. Dick and Yvonne were guests of the Crusader Club at Wheaton for the October 17 induction.

TURKEY TOURNEY

The annual Turkey Basketball Tourney at Grace College, Wednesday through Saturday, November 26-29, has a strong field. Joining the Lancers in this tourney are Taylor, Bethel, Anderson, Manchester (Indiana), Grand Rapids Baptist (Michigan), Olivet Nazarene (Illinois), and Geneva (Pennsylvania).

RECORD ENROLLMENT

A record 1,322 students are enrolled at Grace Schools this semester, 893 in the college and 429 in the seminary. The college is up 11 percent from last year's 804. The seminary had 414 enrolled last fall.

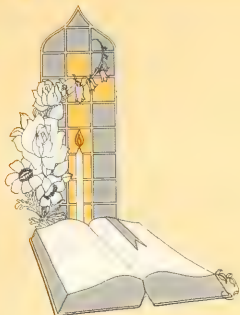
In the college there is a record 319 freshmen in attendance. Brethren students number 414, compared to 355 a year ago, followed by 163 from independent churches and 80 who are members of General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. The remaining 26 percent are scattered over a number of denominational groups. Forty-six percent of the student body come from Indiana.

COLLEGE CHAPELS REORGANIZED

A new concept has been introduced into the Grace College chapel program by Chaplain Kevin Huggins. Each Tuesday, upperclassmen and married students break into 21 groups and meet in classrooms all over campus for a time of "caring and sharing."

They discuss a different topic each week, including: dealing with temptation, sharing your faith, Christlike relationships on campus and dealing with frustration and disappointment. The main purpose of these groups is for each person to share needs and have the support of others in praying for those concerns. These sessions are led by a faculty member and a student leader.

While the upperclassmen are meeting around campus, freshmen gather in McClain Chapel for a Ministry Orientation session. In these chapels, Kevin Huggins and Dan Snively speak briefly on practical how-tos regarding the Christian life and ministry. Following this, the first-year students divide into smaller groups of about 20 to further discuss the topic of the week.



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A person can obviously see why. Marriage as an institution is obviously the moral right behind a man supporting his family and behind the institution of family.

The ERA proponents are attacking this basic principle of wife support by the husband. They say that this is oppressing to women. On the contrary, I say it is protecting the women. With one stroke, the ERA will wipe out the most basic and precious legal rights that wives now enjoy - the right to be a full-time homemaker. I have warned people in private for a long, long time about the dangers of women's liberation. Not because I don't believe in the equality of women. People who know our ministry here know differently. I believe women's liberation is the tip of the iceberg that will lead to an all-out male liberation movement such as this country has never seen. And, ladies, you wait and see what will happen when the men start reacting to this. You think they have an "easy out" of marriage and family responsibility now, you wait until the ERA Amendment is enforced and you are going to see mass departure from marriage!

It is absolutely unbelievable what the Equal Rights Amendment will do to all state laws in this nation. It has already been interpreted in courts of law that this will apply to states and there will be no way they can change this law. It will be federal law. It will apply to everyone.

Now why do I say that this is a moral issue? I don't think there is any question about it. I Timothy 5:8 states, "If anyone does not provide for his own, especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." Notice that the term is masculine, "he has denied the faith." Now how could he be worse than an unbeliever? The non-Christian is on his way to hell without Christ; yet, God, in His evaluation, says that a man who does not support his own family has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. Under ERA, with one stroke, that will be eliminated.

This is not my personal view only, but the pro-ERA people have said it, and the anti-ERA people have said it. Everybody agrees the Equal Rights Amendment will, by law, remove the husband's responsibility to support his wife and family.

The feminists, when confronted with this, get excited. They say that this is what they want. This leads me to give this challenge to the Christian women. There have to be some godly wives and mothers who will stand up on this ERA issue. There must be some wives who are going to start getting excited and take a stand. God's people, who are women and wives and mothers, are going to have to stand up and be counted. Otherwise, every time a male speaks on the subject, it's immediately written off by the statement, "He's a male and that's why he said it."

2 ERA will encourage and at times demand homemakers to seek careers and economic support outside of their husbands and homes.

This statement is not just my own personal opinion, but it is the conclusion of those who have studied the effects that the ERA will have.

"The Document" cited above states that a goal of the Feminist Movement is to establish economic independence of all wives from all husbands. They are very clear that the ERA will do this. Some say it will encourage it; others say that at times it will demand it.

After extensive research into the probable effects of the ERA, Arthur Immon, Jr., who is the Professor of Law at Drake University, made the following conclusions, "The ERA will cause the states to adopt a wildly permissive approach that will degrade the homemaker role and support economic development requiring women to seek careers outside the home."

An Ohio Task Force that studied the implementation of the ERA, said in July 1975 that passing the ERA will require states to provide child care services in order that mothers can leave home and join the work force. Child care centers, under the ERA, must be provided for all families irrespective of their income level. It is still a great question as to whether families will be required to send their children to such child care centers. ERA proponents have argued that women who are mothers need to enjoy the same freedoms and opportunities as men who are fathers. Remember, equality regardless of sex. Therefore, it is the legal opinion

of this Task Force that the states will be required to supply child care services to allow mothers of children to have equal opportunity in the work force as surely as fathers.

Is this a moral and Biblical issue? This is what Titus 2:3-5 says, "Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the Word of God may not be dishonored." You know, after reading a passage like this and after reading the ERA, it's no wonder they feel religious belief must be changed. This passage clearly teaches younger women who have children to be workers at home. Though there are many arguments about the meaning and impact of this statement in the Word of God, there is one thing that is quite clear: The right to be at home with your children belongs to the wife. The right to be supported by her husband is a God-given right.

(Note: The argument over whether a mother should work or not according to the Bible is not germane to this discussion since the ERA will pressure every woman to work outside of the home. I personally think that when children are not in school, a mother should be at home with the small children. All psychologists and sociologists will tell you that those are the most critical years of any person's life. A child needs the warmth, encouragement, and love of a parent and of a home at that young age. And most all personality development is developed by the age of five.)

The approval of the ERA will force the woman outside of the home. This will happen because the ERA Amendment will remove the right or responsibility of support by the husband and everything in the marriage will be determined legally as 50% hers and 50% his. Each of the partners is going to have to support all of his possessions, including taxes and social security. The ERA proponents have said that any man and his family who decide that his wife will not work, but will stay at home with the kids, the man being the bread winner, that man should

be charged double taxes, because if he had to have a housekeeper in his home, he would have to pay her. So, this man will be taxed because he won't allow his wife to go out and work. This is already legal opinion.

The forcing of women from the home is definitely un-Biblical. The ERA will cause more damage to marriage and family than can be presently imagined.

3 **The ERA will give women a constitutional right to abortion on demand.**

Abortion is currently the hottest legislative item in our Congress. Abortion has been a rallying point for people in this country such as the pro-abortionists never dreamed possible. One Congressman recently said, "Any presidential candidate who put into print that he is pro-abortion has lost millions of votes." Senator Sam Ervin said on September 22, 1975, that there is no doubt that the ERA will give every woman a constitutional right to have an abortion at will. Professor Charles Rice of the University of Notre Dame Law School states that if the ERA were adopted it would make clear that the states would be disabled from prohibiting or restricting abortion in any significant way.

The mandate of ERA is sex equality. Abortion is essential in their program. 'The Document' unequivocally states, "We (women) must have safe and effective birth control and access to free, legal, and safe abortions." In other words, when God made women, fashioned and designed them to have children, God was mistaken and wrong. Of course, they deny that God did it. They believe that pregnancy is the number one way that women have been held in oppression all these years of our history. It's unequal burden, they say, to bear an unwanted baby; therefore, the constitutional right to abortion, demanded at will with no cause at all, is definitely a part of the ERA Amendment.

4 **The ERA will be the step needed to legalize homosexual marriages and permit such couples to adopt children and give them the right to teach in our schools.**

Remember that Section 1 of the Equal Rights Amendment states, "Equality of rights under the law shall

not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any states on account of sex." The key phrase is, "on account of sex." The ERA proponents have argued that all sexist language must be deleted from the laws on the basis of the ERA Amendment. Words such as 'male' and 'female' will be required to be replaced by 'person' or 'spouse.' In other words, if sexist language is put into a law, it will be liable for suit based upon the ERA Amendment. The ERA, all legal opinion has agreed, will redefine marriage as being between a person and a person, not a male and a female.

Those who profit from the ERA in this regard are not women, but homosexuals and lesbians. In spite of attempts that the ERA people have done to convince Christians that the ERA will not legalize federally all homosexual marriages, the Yale Law Journal in a January 1973 article said, "The proposed Equal Rights Amendment in this country argues strongly for granting marriage licenses to homosexual couples and there is nothing that can be done about it." Even Congressmen and pro-ERA people have said that one of the most disturbing parts of the ERA is going to be the widespread acceptance of homosexual marriage and the adoption of children by homosexual families. Even those who are for the ERA know they will not be able to stop it. This is going to be a constitutional amendment to the Constitution of the United States. This will be Federal Law imposed on everyone.

Is this a moral issue? The Bible condemns homosexuality in the severest language and in unmistakable terms.

5 **The ERA will make women subject to the draft on an equal basis with men.**

Those of you who have been reading your newspapers and listening to the news, know this item has already been clearly established and is causing quite a furor in our Congress. The United States House of Judiciary Committee, in its report to Congress, said, "Not only would women, including mothers, be subject to the draft, but the military would be compelled to place them in combat units alongside of men."

Although many believe mothers would not be drafted, the facts indicate

that with the passage of the ERA, mothers would have to be drafted. Some say that even if women were drafted, they would serve only in support areas and not in actual combat. However, the United States Judiciary Committee has already ruled on it and said that the ERA will force us to place them in combat duty. When the heads of the National Organization of Women appeared before Congress on this matter, they answered the Congressman who asked concerning women and combat, "Why, of course, we want combat duty. How else could we win the Medal of Honor?"

Some people have used the example of Israel as a support to draft women. They reason that since Israel is the people of the Bible and women are drafted by the modern nation of Israel, there must be nothing wrong or un-Biblical about it. However, in Israel the women have only one-half of the service of men. Also, they have no combat duty. Women fill the positions of men occupationally when a war occurs, because of the conditions of insecurity. Israel, in the War of Liberation of 1948, did make the mistake of putting women in combat duty. It was because of that war and what the other side did to the women, that Israel now forbids any of their women ever to be placed in the front lines of combat duty. Israel does not advocate putting the women and children in combat - not at all.

Other people have argued that the Bible does not say anything about women and combat. This is not true. There are a number of passages which deal with this issue.

First -

Deuteronomy 20:13, 14 reads, "When the Lord your God gives it (a city being fought) into your hand, only the women and the children and the animals and all that is in the city, all its spoil, you shall take as booty for yourself; and you shall use the spoil of your enemies which the Lord your God has given you." Obviously, the women were not a part of the battle. The women were not struck by the sword, and neither were the children nor the animals.

Second -

As Samuel was speaking to the children of Israel about their desire for a king to rule over them like the other nations of

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the world, he said in I Samuel 8:11, 12, "This will be the procedure of the king who will reign over you; he will take your sons and place them for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and they will run before his chariots. And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and of fifties, and some to do his plowing and to reap his harvest and to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots." Notice that the verses say specifically "sons." 8:13 continues, "He will also take your daughters," for combat duty? No, but "for perfumers and cooks and bakers."

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Numbers 32 also shows that the women and children were not involved in combat duty in the land of Israel. Numbers 32:20-27 reads, "'So Moses said to them, 'If you will do this, if you will arm yourselves before the Lord for the war, and all of you armed men cross over the Jordan before the Lord until He has driven His enemies out from before Him, and the land is subdued before the Lord, then afterward you shall return and be free of obligation toward the Lord and toward Israel, and this land shall be yours for a possession before the Lord. But, if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the Lord, and be sure your sin will find you out. Build yourselves cities for your little ones, sheepfolds for your sheep; and do what you have promised.' And the sons of Gad and the sons

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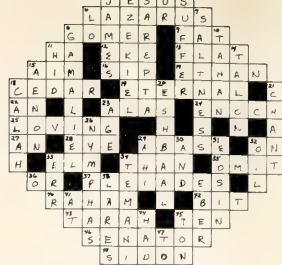
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Answers to last month's puzzle

The question continually asked by Christians is what can be done in light of the serious threat by the ERA. I believe II Chronicles 7:14 applies today just as surely as it did in the days of Israel: "and (if) My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." It isn't enough to just pray, although a lot of Christians are not even doing that. Prayer is what we should do first, but the text specifically says that prayer is backed up with repentance and getting right with God.

I am for all the efforts that Christians can be involved in politically. I am for that as a private citizen, but I can tell you what God's people can do. God's people can pray and get right with God! God, Who is in control, could cause a massive revival to sweep this country faster than people realize. But, He's not going to do it until Christians follow His conditions and His prerequisites.

I think every believer should know about the candidates and where they stand, and vote appropriately - but that's not going to do it. Christians can go and march in front of the White House; some of you may decide to do that - but that's not going to do it either. If something is going to be done in this country to change the moral climate and tide, I'll tell you who has to do it. God Almighty!

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Reflections By Still Waters

by Charles W. Turner
Editor

In the waning days of this year I am impressed—impressed by the speed at which this year went into the history books. It seems that Fridays were closer together in 1980 than ever before. Every fifth day was Friday, or so it seemed, instead of Fridays being seven days apart.

Suddenly it is time for another midnight engagement to watch the New Year arrive. I do not understand why someone started the custom of making such a big deal out of watching December thirty-first become January first. I rather imagine it began with a promoter at the Roman Coliseum, a few thousand years ago, when he realized business was falling apart and a new attraction was needed. So he billed January first as the biggest lion fight in history and called it "The Fur Bowl." We have been doing the same thing since that time, and no one asks why. We just do it!

But the passing of another year is not to be taken lightly, for it has just taken another major piece of time from life. That, my friend, is serious business, because time is such a very important part of our lives. We all have a certain amount of it, but it seems that no one knows the answer as to the exact amount remaining. We live in the

mystery of not knowing where the border line between time and eternity rests. Maybe it is best that way. It has been said that one of the worst things for us to know would be how much time we have left. This is probably a very true statement. It is best to not know what our tomorrows will bring. If something "bad" was in our future, we would spend the days until then worrying about it. Misery would be our lot, and it is well known by observation that if misery were taken from some people's lives they would have no joy left. But if our tomorrows held a great and wonderful event, we would waste our to-days in anticipation of that one event. God, in His wisdom, has elected that we do not know the future, and thus will trust Him for each day as it comes.

I am ready to say some sad farewells to this passing year. It has held so many good things for me and I accepted them in great gratitude. It was a good year, but I will not hold on to it for long. This is not the way life is composed. But before it departs I want to say

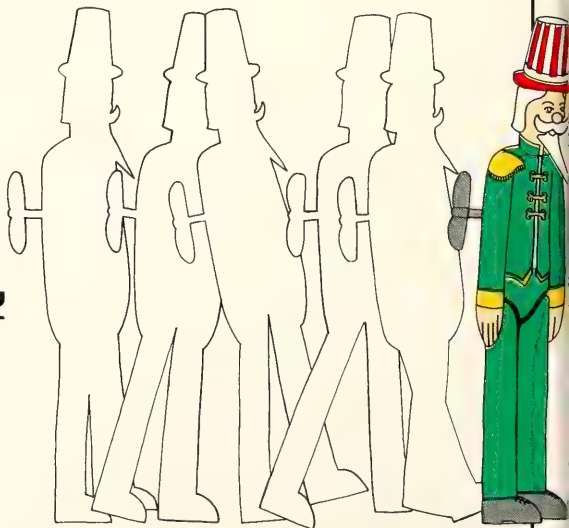
thanks that it was a part of my life. Friends were good, the Lord was more than gracious to me, and my family and home all added to make my days pleasant. There were changes; and things will never be the same again, neither will you, nor I.

The brush of the 365 days against my mind, my heart, my emotions, and my body have all left me different than I was a year ago. I trust that I may have learned some new lessons and also come to love my friends and family a bit more. I also hope that my relationship with my God is stronger and more trusting.

But I say goodbye, for one must not linger long—tomorrow will come in the good providence of our God. Looking back is not the direction we are all going. It is toward tomorrow where we are headed. A new set of challenges and possibly some disappointments are before us. There will be opportunities given to us from God, and may we use those opportunities as He wishes.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Good-bye 1980



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35 Years Ago—1945

R. D. Barnard accepted the position of general secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. He resigned his pastorate in San Diego, Calif. . . . The graduating class of Grace Seminary has been announced—Charles Bergerson, Ward Miller, Gerald Polman, Benjamin Hamilton, Leon Myers, and Samuel Horney.

15 Years Ago—1965

Chet Kammerer, coach of the Grace College Lancers, had on his team such names as Richard Dick, Mike Grill, Dave Goodman, Bob Cole, Ned Weirich and Bill Keane. . . . Robert Combs, pastor at Sterling, Ohio, was ordained to the Christian ministry.

5 Years Ago—1975

Rev. Russell Ogden was installed as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Lanham, Md. . . . The Annual Grace Bible Conference at Winona Lake featured Dr. Charles Ryrrie, Dr. Kenneth Gangel, and Dr. John White, Jr.

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letters

Thanks, thanks, thanks for all of the nice letters and comments that have been arriving. With all of those nice comments are checks to help pay for the new printing press that we have just acquired. Your response has been great and this will help us at the Herald to continue to print and distribute more Christian literature. Next month we will present a visual update on the progress of the Herald Ministries and I am certain you will be pleased. In the meantime, if you have not sent that special gift to help pay for the new press, may we encourage you to do so.—CWT



Plans Set for 1981



Above: Administrative staff members met for two-and-a-half days of intensive planning on October 7-9, 1980.

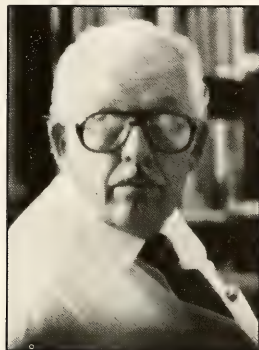
Left: Larry Chamberlain, administrative coordinator, guided some of the sessions and presented detailed studies.

After three months of brainstorming, dreaming, evaluating, projecting, and budgeting, the Brethren Home Missions Council is ready to enter 1981 with a "blue-print" for accomplishing their goal of 52 new Grace Brethren churches by 1984.

The strategic planning for 1981 began in October when the Council's western field secretary and their southern field representative joined the Winona Lake administrative staff for two-and-a-half days of intensive planning. The first day of planning, October 7, began at 7:00 in the morning. Enjoying the privacy of a local



Below: Dr. Bob Thompson, western field secretary, represented the western states.



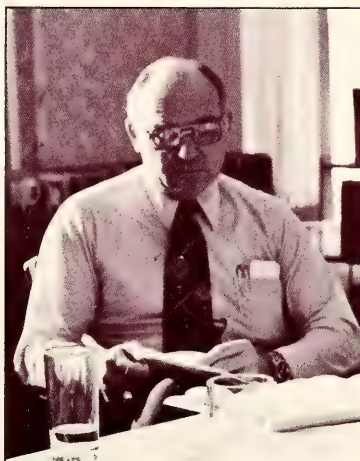
hotel, this full day was devoted to evaluating strengths and weaknesses and formulating specific strategies for reaching 15 objectives in 1981.

An analysis of external and internal factors influencing the ministry proved helpful in objectively recognizing strong qualities along with areas for improvement. A detailed report of a survey to FGBC pastors gave the Home Missions staff a good perspective of the ministry from the pastorate. A five-year comparative income study of FGBC offerings, a report of the growth of current Home Missions churches, and a six-year study of new points and self-supporting churches, were valuable tools in establishing new plans. An updated draft of projected self-supporting dates for current Home Missions churches also helped to "cement" particular objectives.

The special three-day planning session and the numerous committee meetings that followed have created an enthusiastic anticipation for 1981. Brethren Home Missions office staff and board members are anxious to share how God has been directing! Members in the Brethren Home Mission church-planting team (now 10,000 strong), can look forward to a great year in expanding Christ's church! Begin to pray now for new fields, more pioneering pastors, souls brought to Christ and for the effective discipleship of Grace Brethren believers.

And . . . watch the January *Herald* for more BHMC news.

Right: Executive Secretary Lester E. Pifer moved the staff into agreement on specific 1981 objectives.



Promotional Secretary Brad Skiles shared plans for 1981 promotions.



It's Time to Leave Home . . . Missions

by Pastor Sam Baer

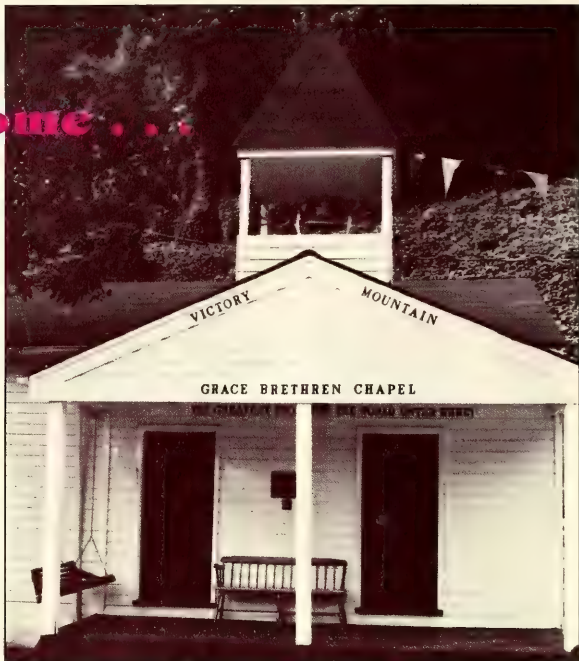
*Victory Mountain
Grace Brethren Chapel
Dryhill, Ky.*

"When Jesus turned 30 years old, He left home and started the ministry that His Heavenly Father had for Him. Dear God, in 17 months it will be our thirtieth anniversary, grant that we will be able to leave Home . . . Missions."

Arriving in Dryhill, Kentucky, in March, 1979, I was excited about this new ministry. I wrote Home Missions for a history of Dryhill to see if any anniversaries or special events were coming. When we found out that our thirtieth anniversary was only 17 months away, I just couldn't shake the opening sentence of this article. When I shared it with our congregation, they felt the same way. However, it wasn't until our November 1979 business meeting that we took our first steps to do this.

HOW WE DID IT

We didn't know the steps toward self-support, if there are any, but one thing we could nail down and trust God for was the pastor's salary. "If we assume 10 percent more of the pastor's salary each month until the end of September, the church will then be paying my full salary." It seemed like a big step because the church was always used to paying its pastor \$50.00 a week and Home Missions would take care of the rest. "Let's *step out into the deep* and let our nets down in *faith* like Peter did," one of our members said. We did, and God has seen us through this past year.



February 1980 was perhaps our roughest month. Our people decided to fast and pray and in one week's time the need was met again. We have never had more than \$12.00 in the checking account since the beginning of the year, but one of our members reminded us, "Well, the Lord promised to supply our needs, not our wants."

IMPROVING OUR IMAGE

At our November 1979 business meeting, we decided to remodel the inside of our building. We put new carpet on top of our cold hardwood floor and a duct system was installed by Harold Van Dyke and Charlie Redman from Englewood, Ohio. We also had a man come and re-do the ceiling (he is now coming to our church) and we painted the walls. Our church is a lot warmer now, and twice as attractive. Up until November we were carrying about a \$1,000 balance in the checkbook. With this remodeling

job, it wiped out our checking account. Had it not been for some small love gifts from churches and \$546.00 from the Lexington, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church, I don't know what we would have done—but God knew, and *He balanced our books*.

In January of 1980 we experienced our greatest percentage growth rate—211 percent increase over last year in Sunday school. We were in the contest standings and there was a possibility of our church coming in first place. Our people had never won anything and we became excited about this possible victory. After much prayer, we decided to commit our ministry to victories. We want Dryhill believers to live victorious Christian lives. So we renamed our church "Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel." God seemed to seal the decision when we stepped back and counted 15 first-time decisions for Christ from July of 1979 to January 1980. We were on our way!



Newspapers have been a real help in promoting our ministry. We have two very cooperative newspapers here and they will print anything you give them, even sermons. I try to capitalize on that and let the county know what is happening at Victory Mountain.

After national conference we were delighted to find out that we had the largest percentage increase of all the Sunday schools—80 percent—so we had a rubber stamp made that said, “*Come and See and Be a Part of the Fastest Growing Grace Brethren Sunday School in the Nation . . . ’79-80—80% Increase over Last Year.*” I used every opportunity I had to “brag” on my people and our church. They had done something they had never accomplished before. They won two first place plaques in Sunday school growth. We celebrated with a Victory Celebration Banquet in August and had a special speaker and a carry-in meal.

NO STOPPING US NOW!

At our business meeting in August of 1980, our people were really excited and set some more

goals—higher goals than last year! We were delighted to find out that we averaged for the year the *exact* number of souls that were saved in that year—54. So we reasoned, “If we want to average 80 for the year, then our goal for souls saved needs to be 80!” We are also trusting God to see 40 people baptized in this year.

Two weeks after conference was our *hardest financial time*. We were \$546.00 behind. We shared the need and our people decided to pray and fast again. Three different people from the outside who love the work here, sent in love gifts and along with the offerings, we met that need in two weeks.

WHY BE AGGRESSIVE?

About three weeks before our thirtieth anniversary, as I was reading about David and Goliath, the story came alive to me in the area of going self-supporting. From the story in 1 Samuel 17, I gleaned: 1) “Is there not a cause?” (v. 29). The cause and purpose for us going self-supporting was certainly something worthy to attempt. 2) Verse 33: “Thou are not able . . .” A lot of

people have told us that we could not do it—humanly speaking they were right. But our God is *bigger* than Goliath. 3) Verse 34: David drew on his *past victories* to gain the faith he needed for the *big victory*. Our past victories were successfully coming through those 10 months financially and seeing God’s blessings in souls saved and the church growing. 4) David defeated Goliath in a way that no man had used before. We feel that our way of going self-supporting is a way that was not only unique but a way that God will bless. 5) The purpose of this whole contest was for one scriptural reason—verse 46, “*. . . that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel (Dryhill, Kentucky).* And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: For the Battle is the Lord’s . . .”

When I read verses 46 and 47, my heart leaped with joy. I preached that to our people three weeks before we went self-supporting. Our *main purpose for going self-supporting* was to give glory to God “*that all the earth may know that there is a God in Dryhill, Kentucky.*”

The Adventures of a



by Becky Jarvis

Honk, Honk! Want to hear my story?

I am a 48-passenger school bus. And, as you might guess, I started life carrying children to school. I could hardly wait for each new day. Every run was filled with excitement.

Then, with no warning, the school board decided to sell me. Was I ever disappointed!

Fortunately the Grace Brethren Church at Parkersburg, West Virginia, bought me. They wanted to use me for a Sunday school bus. They gave me a new coat of white paint and trimmed me in maroon. I was so proud! After all, yellow busses are a dime a dozen. Now I had real class.

It was a special privilege to take boys and girls to Sunday school. I thought I had it made. My goal was to work for the Grace Brethren Church as long as I could chug.

Then one day I heard some rumblings. The church had gotten word that the Brethren Navajo Missions needed a bus. They decided to send me! Was I ever scared! I had heard some stories about Indians and somebody said there were hardly any paved roads in New Mexico.

Nobody asked my opinion and before I could protest I was on my way to the Brethren National Conference. Pastor Ronzil Jarvis drove me to Winona Lake, Indiana, and handed over my keys to Larry Wedertz, superintendent of the mission. He seemed like a nice enough fellow and I had a chance to rest for a few days. I became a little more optimistic about my career.

After conference Mr. Larry and his son unbolted my seats and piled them up front. That same day a young lady named Rhoda



Ron Jarvis hands the keys to Larry Wedertz (left).

Leistner came with her dad and brought a whole bunch of stuff for me to carry to New Mexico. She said she was going there to teach school.

Next we went down the hill to the Thompson's house. Bud and Mary were their names. They were moving to the mission too and did they ever pack me full! When I thought I couldn't hold another box someone remembered that the Lathrops had some canned vegetables they wanted me to take. Well, Mr. Larry crammed them in and we were off for New Mexico.

We soon left the beautiful woods of Indiana and came across cornfield after cornfield. I never saw so much corn and wheat in my entire life. Mr. Larry must have been in a hurry because we didn't stop much and drove on into the night.

On the second morning, as it began to get light, I noticed there was no more corn or wheat. Instead

I saw little gray bushes and some short trees with twisted trunks. Then I noticed the mountains. Some of them were flat on top with pretty colors. Mr. Larry called the flat mountains "mesas." This sure wasn't like West Virginia, but it was kind of interesting. I decided I might like New Mexico. Then . . . there it was, a big sign that said "Brethren Navajo Mission and Boarding School."

I climbed up the hill. Boy, was I tired! But after a few days of rest and a little TLC from Mr. Bob Lathrop, I felt like a new bus. I was ready to tackle my next assignment.

I've been at my new job for almost five months. Every morning I get up at 5:00 and take off down the hill. After about 200 yards I leave the paved highway and bounce down some dirt roads. I pick up three or four children at one hogan, then on we roll over the

hills, around the mesas, through the cedar and pinon trees to the next house. Before long I have a full load and back we go to the mission. We arrive just in time for all the kids to eat breakfast. Wow, do they have good food. It sure beats oil and gas!

I rest while the children go to school where they learn to read and write, do arithmetic, and learn English. Best of all, they learn about Jesus. It makes my spark plugs tingle to know I have a part in God's work.

Sure, it's a rough life. My paint is always dusty and my body is beginning to squeak and rattle from all the ruts and bumps. But Navajo kids are becoming Christians! They are learning to read God's Word and to obey Him.

That's my story. I'm looking forward to more exciting days at the Brethren Navajo Mission. Visit us sometime and I'll give you a ride!

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An artist's drawing of the future building for the Pine Grove Grace Brethren Church.

Working as a Team

by Brad Skiles

Promotional Secretary

Possibly the "unsung heroes" of the Brethren Home Missions Council, the Brethren Investment Foundation and the Brethren Building Ministries are vital links to Grace Brethren Church growth. If it were not for these auxiliary organizations 167 Grace Brethren churches and schools would have had to face higher interest rates, over 100 Brethren facilities would have been constructed at much higher costs and the current growth in Brethren Home Missions would not have been realized.

"One of our ministry's commitments has been to quality church facilities that create a positive image within the community," states Dr. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary for the Brethren Home Missions Council. "Since our beginning the leaders of Brethren Home Missions have shied away from poorly constructed buildings that may be a result of cost cutting or second-rate work. We are in this for the 'long haul.' We expect our churches to have a permanent ministry of the Gospel to their community."

Such a commitment is not making buildings more important than people. "Bringing people to Christ and discipling them in their faith is the heartbeat of Brethren Home Missions," says Dr. Pifer. "With that as our goal, we have found that our society has traditionally placed an importance upon buildings. People want a building, and usually an attractive building, that they can worship in. Only in recent years have we seen this trend begin to change."

Working as a team the Brethren Home Missions

Council, the Brethren Investment Foundation and the Brethren Building Ministries are assisting in the establishment of growing Grace Brethren churches.

Over 3,600 investors are utilizing the services of the Investment Foundation. By placing their savings in the BIF, investors receive 6.18 percent annual interest in addition to also knowing that their money is being used to finance growth loans for Grace Brethren churches. Open passbook accounts allow investors easy access to their savings and postage-paid, business-reply envelopes make this system as convenient as the mailbox.

Because Brethren invest, growing churches are experiencing substantial savings. "The vast majority of our churches would not have their current buildings if it were not for the BIF," states Dr. Pifer. "Banks and other secular lending institutions don't make loans based on faith! When we consider a loan, we evaluate how God has been working and how we believe He will continue to work. Thus, we sometimes grant a loan that the secular world would have rejected."

"But supposing that a young growing church could obtain a loan from another source, they are faced with interest rates of 12 percent or higher. Our interest on mortgage loans range from 9-10 percent. That's why the Anchorage (Alaska) Grace Brethren Church will save \$300,000 in interest; the Southern Lancaster (Pa.) Brethren Church, \$200,000; and the Alta Loma (Calif.) Brethren Church, \$142,000."

Savings can also be experienced with the Brethren Building Ministries. The history of this department reveals an average construction savings up to \$6 per square foot and a significant savings in architectural

fees. For the Hope, New Jersey, Grace Brethren Church, that means a savings of over \$36,000 for using the services of the Brethren Building Ministries.

"I think the main benefit that churches receive from the Brethren Building Ministries is not the savings, although that is realized, but they're good! Ralph Hall and his staff are experienced in church design and construction. When they give estimates, whether it's construction time or cost, they know what they are talking about. We have several churches that thought they were getting a better deal somewhere else only to wish later that they would have utilized our Building Ministries," comments Dr. Pifer.

Are times changing? Are buildings still within the program of Brethren Home Missions? Dr. Pifer shares his thoughts: "In many parts of our country people are changing their priorities due to inflation. Family budgets are cut back, vacations are shorter or more local, and maybe that new car is now kept for a few more years. In the church planting business, many congregations are favoring a rented school or fellowship hall rather than moving into a large indebtedness. I think that's good.

"The Brethren Home Missions Council is also finding past methods changing. We are finding it difficult to financially maintain our previous building patterns. It takes more money now in the BIF to carry what has become inflated construction loans. So we are becoming more selective. We have to say 'no' more often. But buildings are still needed. The Anchorage Grace Brethren Church would not have grown as rapidly without their new facility. The Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren Church needed their building to move forward and reach that particular ministry area. The Alta Loma Brethren need to be in their building *now*. We just recently had to tell our second church in Vermont to find money elsewhere. They need to have a permanent building so they have turned to higher interest rates.

"In the eighties, Home Missions' churches will become more dependent on the services of the BIF and the Brethren Building Ministries. That will necessitate more loanable funds."

Fifty-two new Grace Brethren churches by 1984 is becoming more and more of a reality. Strategies are adjusting, plans are being carefully thought through and new goals are being established. But no matter how much strategies change, buildings are still important. In this decade of inflation, continued growth patterns will happen only as the Brethren Home Missions Council, the Brethren Investment Foundation and the Brethren Building Ministries team up with Brethren all across America and make church planting a priority.

Southern Lancaster GBC Dedicates New Building

by Pastor Vernon J. Harris
*Southern Lancaster GBC
Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

A four-year dream was finally realized for the Southern Lancaster Grace Brethren congregation in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The new auditorium was filled twice for the two Saturday night services on September 27.

Excellent singing by the Jacobs Brothers Quartet got each program off to a good start. They also served as an added attraction in this community for the otherwise all "Grace Brethren" celebration. Twenty Brethren pastors from other churches were there and 11 took



part. They came from all over the Northern Atlantic District, including Tim Coyle from Delaware, and Warren Tamkin from Vermont.

Our own folks were greatly encouraged by the number of people who came from area Grace Brethren churches. Many local people commented on the bond of fellowship and love that exists among our churches. We thank God for this. Without it our church would not

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have been possible.

Dr. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, gave a profound message at each service. He touched on the needs, goals, and challenges of a church like ours in today's world. Our visiting friends certainly found out why we are here.

Pastor Luke Kauffman spoke in behalf of district missions. He has been involved with us since the beginning. Our architect, Ralph Hall, represented the Brethren Building Ministries and the Brethren Investment Foundation. We are grateful for all his fine work on the plans and for the Brethren Investment Foundation that made the funding possible.

Our associate pastors, Phillip Simmons and Glenn Moore, also assisted me in the services.

Mr. John Thomas and his son, Martin, spoke in behalf of Willow Valley Associates. They each expressed gratitude and thanks to God that this spiritual ministry has been added to the Willow Valley complex. Needless to say, we are

60 single-dwelling homes, plus a retirement home and some condominiums. Our challenge is to minister to all of these residents, the tourists, apartment houses, and this part of the county.

Add to this the fact that Willow Valley is owned by a Christian family that has dedicated all of this to God to be used for His glory. After careful examination, they felt that a Grace Brethren group could come in and build the type of building and total ministry that would meet the challenge this unusual place would offer. Our lovely building completes our first responsibility. Won't you pray that God will use us for the greater work that lies ahead—reaching and teaching many for the glory of our Lord?

The church is built on land with a slight slope, so it has two walk-in levels. The lower one has two offices, kitchen, fellowship hall, three classrooms, mechanical room, two storage rooms, and rest rooms. The main floor has a spacious vestibule, restrooms, auditorium that seats 240, and two side rooms off the

Another big job was done by our building fund treasurer, Patrick Klugh. Not only did he handle the money, but he was responsible for putting in our excellent sound system.

My personal contribution was to look after the painting and decorating. Believe me when I say that everybody had ideas on the decorating. All those ideas were pooled until we could agree. We wanted to give our building a touch of class and beauty. It was fun. Our ladies made all the drapes for the auditorium.

One of our goals was to complete the work in time to move in on our fourth anniversary on September 7. The building permit was given just three days before that date, so we made it!

At 9:30 a.m. that Sunday our old meeting place was jammed for a 20-minute "thanksgiving" service, a

Foreground—Part of Willow Valley Square and background: the Southern Lancaster church



very happy to be a part of this nearly 200-acre development which has so much to offer Southern Lancaster County people and tourists from everywhere.

The miracle of our church cannot be fully appreciated without seeing it in its setting. We purchased 3½ acres in the middle of the latest 84-acre development. On one side is a shopping center, which gives us unlimited parking privileges on Sundays. Around us will be more than

platform.

Mr. Harry Fahnestock, construction supervisor for the Brethren Building Ministries, did a fine job of coordinating the work and seeing the job through to completion. Our building committee chairman, Richard Mowrer, did all the electrical work, with help from other men in the church. He donated his time and gave the materials at cost. This saved thousands of dollars, and gave us many extra features.

group picture, and then a police escorted caravan trip for the three miles to Willow Valley Square's parking lot. The cars stretched out for more than a half-mile. It was exciting.

There were 170 people at the 10:30 a.m. worship and praise service in the new auditorium.

It took the next few weeks to get ready for the great dedication day services.

The closing song we sang on that exciting night was "To God Be the Glory." That's where all the credit belongs.

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news report

From the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

□ The Grace Brethren Church, Temple Hills, Md., began a branch church ministry, Sunday, Sept. 28. Meeting at the J. P. Ryon elementary school, there were 76 in attendance with Pastor Jeff Thornley leading the service. Pastor Thornley is on the staff of the Temple Hills church. James Dixon, pastor.

□ "A Time to Remember" was the theme for the fortieth anniversary celebration of the Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa, held Sept. 19-21. Special guest speakers at the celebration meetings and former pastors of the church were: Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, Rev. Lewis Hohenstein, Rev. Richard DeArney, and Rev. John Aeby. Music was furnished by Rev. and Mrs. Randall Poyner, Mrs. Jesse Deloe, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Eaves. John Burke, pastor.

□ Warsaw Christian School, 909 S. Buffalo St., Warsaw, Indiana, recently appointed Mr. Gary Austin as administrative aide to Principal Robert Cover. Mr. Austin is on extended furlough from Brethren Foreign Missions while attending Grace Theological Seminary. He will have oversight of promotions and development. WCS is a ministry of Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church.

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□ The recording secy. of the Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, Calif., is: Mrs. James F. Lamm, 609 W. 25th St., San Bernardino, Calif. 92405. (Tel. 714/882-9873). (James F. Lamm has been named as the associate pastor of this church.)

□ The address for Dan Eshleman, page 92, should be: 424 Englewood Rd. On page 76, the secretary for the Valley Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.,

should be: Cletus Fowler, 123 Englewood Rd., Hagerstown, Md. 21740 (Tel. 301/733-5570).

□ The box number for Ron Thompson, page 107, should be Box 237.

meetings

□ Dr. Robert B. Collitt, stewardship counselor for the Grace Brethren Missions Stewardship Service, will be speaking at the following Grace Brethren churches: Ghent Grace Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.; Dec. 18-20; Kenneth Teague, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.; Dec. 21-Jan. 2; Randy Poyner, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Anderson, S.C.; Jan. 4-7; Ray Feather, pastor.

Grace Brethren Church, Aiken, S.C.; Jan. 11-14; Steve Taylor, pastor.

□ John Whitcomb will be speaking at the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, Dec. 14-16.



□ In fulfillment of a promise made earlier by Pastor Thomas Inman to the congregation of the Colorado Springs (Colo.) Grace Brethren Church that when the worship celebration attendance reached or passed 200, he would preach from the church roof, Pastor Inman preached from the roof of the conversation porch on Sunday, Sept. 28. The "supporting" text was from Matthew 10:27 and the message on "Tragic and Triumphant Roof Tops" was drawn from the experiences of David and Peter on roof tops. One hundred fifty-three people came to witness the fulfillment of this rash promise. One remark was that this would be the "high point" of the pastor's ministry. Two hundred and six were present for the worship celebration on the church's tenth anniversary Sunday, Sept. 7.

□ Pastor Edward Lewis, Sr., from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., held evangelistic meetings at the Clayton Grace Brethren Church in Clayton, Ohio. The evidence of God's blessings were seen as many Christians rededicated their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. The attend-

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The Sermon that was Never Preached — or was It?

by Jack B. Churchill

"What shall we do for the Christmas program this year?"

Who knows how many times that question has been asked? Several years ago the members of the Brethren Church in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, decided to do something they had never done before.

One of their members had acquired a movie camera. "Why not film the Christmas story?" he wondered. The first time they filmed, they learned a lot. That was in 1977. The movie made for Christ-

mas of 1978 turned out better. Without fully knowing what was going to happen, I got involved in the filming of the 1979 version.

Invited to preach in their Sunday evening service, I arrived early in the afternoon—just in time to be commandeered to help transport actors and equipment to the filming location out in the country.

"We'll be back for the evening service. It's just that we have to film the play today or it won't be ready for Christmas. If we hurry, we can be back before dark." So off we went!

In 20 minutes we were on loca-

tion—a deserted farm house in the Mexicali Valley. It had been cleaned and painted several days before by some of the folks who had asked permission of the owner to use it. Soon props were being put in place, costumes unfolded, and a couple of calves borrowed from a neighbor for the manger scene.

The fellow who was to have played Joseph had not shown up, so a substitute was frantically reading the script to take his place. I helped carry bales of hay, string lights, and do anything else to help.

As I noticed the shadows lengthening, I mentally went over the

message for the evening service. After a word of earnest prayer and a little pep talk from the director that "we had to do a good job for the Lord, and quickly, so we could be back for the evening service" the filming began.

I had my doubts by now of getting back in time. On the other hand, I sensed that something was happening that was as important and as pleasing to the Lord as anything else the group would do that Sunday.

A real sense of "doing this for the Lord" seemed to fill the cast. Several times scenes had to be redone because of omitted lines or wrong entrances. Once Javier, the cameraman, forgot to flip the switch for recording the sound of one whole scene. Some good-natured ribbing took place, but no tempers flared; no gripes sounded. "Let's do it again and get it right" was the attitude.

By now it was dark and the work had to go on under the headlights of several cars moved into position. Things rolled along fairly smoothly.

Suddenly somebody thought to look at a watch. "It's eight o'clock already!" Church would have already started in town. Anyway, how could I leave while my car lights were still needed?

The manger scene still had to be filmed, the equipment gathered up and the borrowed props (the neighbor's calves) returned.

Finally, the filming was completed. With a prayer that the film would turn out all right when processed, the caravan headed for the church.

The service had just ended as we arrived. Someone had

filled in for the preacher who did not show up. I felt bad about that, but actually the Mexicali church had two services that evening.

At the farm a message had not been so much preached as enacted in living color and loving service for Christ. The Holy Spirit had presided, the calves and some crickets had provided special music, and a wonderful harmony had prevailed. A work of love had been accomplished. The story of Jesus' coming to the world to save sinners and change lives had been filmed by those who were experiencing it in their lives.

If it is valid to add to the text at the end of the sermon, here is one that comes to mind: "And whatsoever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Col. 3:23).





Pygmies —

by Dorothy Goodman

Are we animals? Who would ask missionaries such a question? The pygmies asked us that many times.

Why? Because the other Africans use them as slaves and tell them that they are animals.

Pygmies are little people—under five feet tall. They are excellent hunters and support themselves in this way. From the animals they catch, they trade the meat for mush, flour, tobacco, and liquor. The women gather the *koko* leaf, a delicacy among African people. Shredding the leaves, these people also trade this for things they want.

The pygmies are a very primitive people with few possessions. They live in small, fragile, temporary, round huts made of pliable branches bent from end to end and inserted in the ground for the frame work. On this they put a few leaves—barely enough to keep out most

of the rain. The only item of furniture in a hut is a bed made of small branches laid on the floor and animal skins laid on top. These skins on the ground are also used instead of chairs.

When we visited these people, the only chairs in the village were the ones we brought with us. Personal possessions include their bows and arrows, a pot or two for cooking, and the clothes they are wearing.

Many, especially the women, wear a loin covering of leaves and a sling made of animal skin to carry a baby on their sides. Children have no clothing but some of the men may have a pair of shorts or a shirt. The more prosperous pygmies have both a shirt and shorts in various degrees of disrepair.

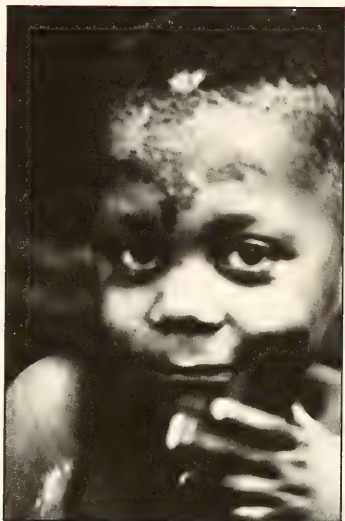
There are probably 20,000 of these little people in the south district of the Central African Republic. Who will reach them? It looks like it will have to be missionaries. The Africans are not

an Unreached People

concerned to have them changed. Even the Africans who know what the Gospel can do and has done for them still want to keep the pygmies as slaves.

Undoubtedly there are a few who have a burden for the pygmies, but they would encounter much criticism if they were to attempt to evangelize them. We do not have any missionaries on the field now who are available for such a ministry. To reach the pygmies would require a very dedicated couple or single man, willing to live a rugged life in the forest. Pygmies are transient, and missionary headquarters would have to be made in the center of their activities in order to be accessible to them.

The Sango language could be used to reach the pygmies, but the most effective way would be to utilize their own language. These little people need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and have some of their own tribesmen trained to read and reach others.



Missionaries Eddie Mensinger and Margaret Hull pose with the pygmies during a ministry trip.



Tempest in a Teapot?

by John W. Zielasko

The article "Catholics, Evangelicals and Catholic Evangelicals" by Ralph Martin appears in the new book Serving Our Generation, a World Evangelical Fellowship publication edited by Walden Scott. Since the article's theme affects the understanding of missionaries and believers with respect to Catholicism in missionary situations (for example, on page 251 the article leads them to the conclusion that Roman Catholic territories are no longer in need of evangelization since "to be a good Catholic one must be a good evangelical"), I feel it is necessary to challenge the validity of equating Roman Catholicism with evangelism.

Can it be that the Reformation was just a tempest in a teapot and that Martin Luther did not understand the official position of the Roman Catholic Church?

Ralph Martin, a man identified as a leading figure of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement, wrote an article in a new book that implies this. He seeks to demonstrate that a good Roman Catholic is an evangelical and that only misunderstandings separate the Catholic evangelical from the Protestant evangelical.

He writes: "As a matter of historical fact, no pope has ever taught anything officially not in harmony with the Scriptures . . . there have, in fact, been no official teachings of the

Catholic Church not in harmony with the Gospel." And later, "The Catholic Church has never taught at any time in its history that Mary was on the same level as Christ and was to be worshipped."

Now, that is a mouthful that's hard to swallow—not that we aren't glad for Mr. Martin's confession concerning his own belief and that of thousands of Roman Catholics like him. The present trend among some in the Roman Catholic Church to emphasize personal conversion, to involve themselves in serious Bible study, and to worship Christ alone is commendable, but to imagine that our differences were based only on past misunderstandings is to strain credulity to the point of rupture.

The Protestant Reformation emphasized three important distinctions between the teachings of the Scriptures as compared to the teachings of Roman Catholicism:

1. The Authority of the Scriptures over Tradition
2. The Ascendancy of the Laity over the Priestly Class
3. The Primacy of Faith over Works

Mr. Martin, in the relaxed environment of the Roman Catholic Church since Vatican II, may find his evangelical (Protestant) views tolerated by Rome. But to claim that Roman Catholicism always believed as he does, or

that even now the "evangelical position" is the official doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church sounds, as even he admits, "outrageous and preposterous" (p. 254).

For example, in view of his claim concerning official teachings and statements by popes speaking *ex cathedra*, what are we to make of the following statements gleaned from history?

On the pope—the bull of Pope Boniface VIII, "we declare, affirm, define, and pronounce it to be necessary to salvation for every human creature to be subject to the Roman pontiff."

On the Virgin Mary—"O Lady . . . the tenderness that thou showest us in heaven . . . obliges us to acknowledge that in heaven we have but one Advocate, and that is thyself."

Quoting Bonaventure, "If my Redeemer rejects me on account of my sins and drives me from His sacred feet, I will cast myself at those of His beloved mother Mary . . . until she has obtained my forgiveness." Saint Bonaventure has parodied the *Te Deum* thus: "We praise thee O Mother of God; we acknowledge thee, Mary the Virgin. All the earth doth worship thee, the spouse of the eternal Father." The Jesuit Theophilus Raynaud tells us that both Saurez and Mendoza maintain "that by reason of her eternity, the Virgin Mary might be worshipped with the worship with which God is worshipped—the adoration of Latria."

On Scripture over tradition: "I also admit the Holy Scriptures according to that sense which our Holy Mother the Church has held and does hold to which it belongs to judge of the true sense and in interpretation of the Scriptures. Neither will I ever take and interpret them otherwise than according to the unanimous consent of the fathers" (Creed of Pope Pius IV, 1564 A.D.).

Tuberville, in his *Manual of Controversies*, says, "Our tenet is that the true rule of Christian faith is apostolic tradition."

On justification by faith alone: "If anyone saith that by faith alone the impious is justified; in suchwise as to mean, that nothing else is required to cooperate in order to the obtaining the grace of justification, and that it is

not in any way necessary, that he be prepared and disposed by the movement of his own will; let him be anathema" (Sess. VI, Canon IX., Council of Trent).

If one should protest that these are antiquated quotes and not the present-day doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, we would be happy to accept the repudiation of past false doctrine and praise the Lord for the change. However, recent statements do not encourage one to believe that there is a decidedly evangelical commitment among the majority of Roman Catholic clergy.

For example, a recent Gallup poll conducted for *Christianity Today* revealed the following:

"Although 98 percent of the Roman Catholic clergy would agree with the evangelical position that Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully man, 61 percent chose the statement in the survey that 'Heaven is a divine reward for those who earn it by their good life.' This high percentage prompted Mariano DiGangi, Canadian Director of the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship to remark, 'The fact that 61 percent of Roman Catholic clergymen suppose heaven to be the reward of man's good works should provide fresh incentive for the evangelization of such a significant segment of Christendom still plagued with the misunderstanding of the Gospel'" (*Christianity Today*, June 6, 1980).

When it comes to the Bible, "Only 5 percent of the Catholic clergy would turn to the Bible first as their religious beliefs, while 77 percent would turn first to the Church."

Mr. Martin's use of the word "evangelical" seems to allow far more diversity of belief than traditional evangelicalism would sanction.

It appears, therefore, that a large segment of those who are identified as Roman Catholics need to be evangelized. So-called Roman Catholic countries continue to be valid and needy mission fields.

Quotations are from the book *The One Hundred Texts*, by T. C. Hammond, Marshall Morgan and Scott, Ltd., London.



FMS News

You can give to refugee and disaster relief through RAB (Relief Agency Brethren). This agency, administered by the Foreign Missionary Society, enables Grace Brethren Churches to help the victims of draught, famine, earthquakes, and floods, plus the refugees made homeless by such disasters.

Funds are channeled through Brethren missionaries and churches in the needy areas or, if outside the influence of Brethren Churches, are sent through international evangelical organizations such as World Relief, World Vision, and M.A.P. (Medical Assistance Program).

The Board of Trustees of Brethren Foreign Missions determines where undesignated funds will be sent. No administrative costs are deducted by the Society.

This Christmas season consider giving a gift to RAB and help a needy person in the world. You can give through your local church; mark your gift "RAB."

We'd like to apologize to the Calvary Grace Brethren Church in Alto, Michigan. They were the fourth highest church in per capita giving in 1979. The Berrien Springs (Mich.) church was mistakenly credited. Thank you for your financial support.

The third annual FMS Candidate School will be held in Winona Lake, Indiana, December 26, 1980, to January 13, 1981. Fifteen missionary candidates are expected to attend the sessions.

The Tom Stallter family is living in a suburb of Paris, France. Tom will be teaching in the new Seminary in the Central African Republic when he arrives on the field. In order to prepare for that ministry, he is taking further French language study at L'Alliance Francaise and a French Bible Institute.

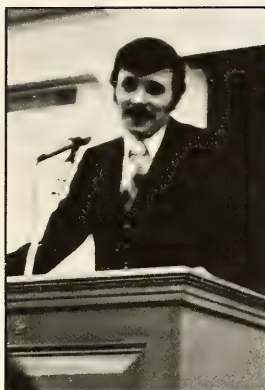
At the Central African Field Conference, a decision was made to revise the Sango translation of the Bible. This will be a joint effort with the Baptist mission with active participation by Africans. A new ecumenical edition of the Sango Bible is coming out soon, so it is important to begin on the revision of a conservative Sango edition. Hopefully, the Scofield notes will also be translated and added. A Bible Revision Committee has been appointed.

The Lord is blessing the youth group in Stuttgart, Germany. A young man who had not been living for the Lord or attending church rededicated his life to God. At a testimony meeting for the youth, he shared some very honest and deep thoughts about God's working in his life. Other young people shared how they met Christ or something they had experienced with Him in recent days. Pray that this group will continue to grow and reach out to their friends.

September 28 was a memorable day for the mission in the Central African Republic. That day the ground breaking and cornerstone laying ceremony for the library and classrooms of the new seminary took place. Work immediately began the next day. In addition to the main building, living quarters need to be provided for the students and their families. Since there is no builder on the field, the plans, preparations, and supervision of the work for these buildings are the responsibility of missionary Martin Garber.

The Chateau de St. Albain has central heating at long last! TIME missionary Dick Schilperoort and Glenn Day of the Columbus, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church installed the system which will make the heating of the castle more efficient. Brethren Foreign Missions publicly expresses its great thanks to Mr. Day for his work.

Dick is working on other projects at the Chateau, including cleaning the roof of a little house on the grounds. All the tiles had to be scraped because they had a couple inches of moss on them.



Pictured, counterclockwise, starting at top right: Marvin Goodman; students involved in the seminar; Peter Peer; a season of prayer for missions; Tom Julien converses with a student; John Zielasko.



The Brethren Foreign Missionary Society was featured in four chapel services at Grace Seminary the first week of September. Missionaries Tom Julien (France), Marvin Goodman (Africa), and Peter Peer (Argentina) joined members of the home staff to challenge students to involvement in the unfinished task of Foreign Missions.

The week was climaxed with a Missions Seminar on Saturday morning, September 6, at the Missions Building. Twenty-six college and seminary students participated in the seminar.



ance at the services was very good, including many people from other Grace Brethren churches in the Dayton area. Pastor Lewis is well known, having held similar meetings in many churches in the Southern Ohio District. We at the Clayton Grace Brethren Church thank the Lord for the ministry of Pastor Ed Lewis in our midst. Stephen Knierim, pastor.

□ Faith Kristen was born to Daryle and Janet Emch on Oct. 5. Daryle is the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of St. Petersburg, Fla.

□ On October 7, the Southern Ohio District Ministerium held their monthly meeting at the Victory Mountain Grace Brethren Chapel in Dryhill, Ky. The men from Ohio got up at 4:00 a.m. and met at the Centerville Grace Brethren Church at 6:00 a.m. for the five and one-half hour trip.

After the meeting at Dryhill, they traveled to Elkhorn Grace Brethren Chapel which is only five and one-half miles away, but takes forty-five minutes over the rough dirt mountain road. There they had devotions, and had a meaningful prayer time. Eleven men made the crowded trip in the four-wheel-drive Ram-charger that has seats made for hauling five adults comfortably. The tailgate came in very handy as it accommodated three more men.

Later they drove to the biggest and longest swinging bridge in Leslie County. It is 420 feet long and is probably 100 feet above the water. Some of the men were brave and went across, and others were wise and didn't try it. It was a good experience for all of them and they had a laughing-good time. It was a real joy for the host pastor, Sam Baer, to have the ministerium come all the way from Ohio. It was a real encouragement to the work at Victory Mountain as this was the first week after the step of faith to go self-supporting.



Ministerial meeting in the basement of the parsonage. Pictured (right side of the table, from front to back) are: Pastors Mike Clapham, James Poyner, Ron Picard, and Layman Mike Lewis. (Left side, front to back) Mikie Baer, Rich Wroughton, Pastors Dave Schulze, Roy Glass, Jack Redrow, Sewell Landrum, and Bill Schaffer.

□ Going to Florida? A directory of our Florida Grace Brethren Churches is available from the Herald Co. at no charge. This directory features a map of each church's location, a picture of the church and the time of services. The address and phone number of

the church and the pastor are also included. To obtain your free copy, write to the Herald Co., P.O. Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

deaths

Death notices must be submitted in writing by the pastor.

BOOHER, Leslie, Sept. 15, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

CLITES, Mary, June 15, Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Gerald Allebach, pastor.

FRYE, Alva, 88, Grace Brethren Church, Winchester, Va. Paul Dick pastor.

HAWK, Ruth, Sept. 5, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

MUNNEKE, Simon, Sept. 8, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

PARSONS, Marita, Sept. 6, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Dave Hocking, pastor.

PLUMMER, Fern, Aug. 15, a faithful member of the Geistown Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Gerald Allebach, pastor.

marriages

Congratulations to these new families who join the *Brethren Missionary Herald* readership. A six-month free subscription to the *Herald* is given to newlyweds whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Patti Hoke and Brad Griesheimer, June 21, Community Grace Brethren Church, Union, Ohio.

Jayne Dabner and Jeff Hallaia, July 11, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Karen Hauser and Jerry King, July 12, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Linda Mayhew and Steven Binns, July 19, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Karen Pawlowski and Dave Champness, July 19, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Denise Reisch and Rick Brightbill, July 19, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Donna Bowser and Arthur Johnson III, July 25, North Buffalo Grace Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.

Juli Mendoza and Jim Johnson, July 26, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Sylvia Ossen and Dave Riggs, July 29, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Alana Cowley and Mike Schwartz, Aug. 1, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Karolee Chase and Steve Shaw, Aug. 2, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

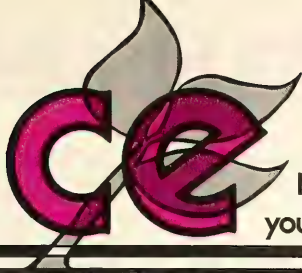
Janice Nanaumi and Harvey Magnani, Aug. 9, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Kathy Dissinger and Mark Litton, Aug. 23, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Ruth Mathis and David Converse, Aug. 30, Grace Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Donna Hawswell and Phillip Melott, Sept. 12, Grace Brethren Church, Middlebranch, Ohio.

Debra Adams and Al Vair, Sept. 13, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.



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Redemption Plan

Friend-wife and I were cycling along a lonely beautiful country road when she called for a quick stop. A butterfly was in danger. Caught in a fine and rather beautiful spider web, the colorful butterfly was about to be had for lunch. The spider was right at him, and death was soon . . .

Jeanine dismounted and, while I watched for other spiders, broke the web and saved the butterfly. It flew away. Redeemed.

As usual, I was pleased with my wife's soft heart. But had it been necessary for her to become a butterfly to free that butterfly, I would have resisted. No way no how. That would have been too much of a price. A butterfly can't be worth that.

Happy Christmas. We were all caught in the web and still are. It is a fine web; often beautiful. But we are caught and about to be had forever. But God sent His Son, to redeem. And the distance between God and man is much greater than the distance between man and butterfly.

But He did it. And at Christmas we celebrate the incarnation. Watching the butterfly fly off freely, and thinking through the sacrifice of our Lord, makes it even more meaningful to me.

Committed to helping churches break the webs, and educate the free, we at GBC Christian Education wish you a very meaningful holiday season and a December of delight in Christ. If we can serve you in any way better, or meet your personal or church needs in our ministry of helping, say the word.

Knut Larson

Let the Children Shout and Chuckle

Children's education in church often comes last, but has found excellence in many of our GBC churches. Caring for a child in a group for Christian education or Sunday school or midweek is a high privilege. Just maybe Jesus would have skipped some of the other classes to go where the kids were. And some CE workers get that same privilege, and handle many years of potential as they teach God's truth to precious little ones.

One thing for sure: a good children's program needs a challenge, poster contest, memory assignment, involvement with a project, action, shuffling of the feelings and getting into the lesson and applying it and doing some activities that make it live forever. It was God who made children so they would move around a little and would need extra special planning and projects that have special interest.

It's churches who must provide all that and honor their workers as if they're the most important of all!

How to Have Fun

by Pastor Knute Larson

Fun is not the purpose of life. Neither is joy, nor laughter.

The prime purpose of life is to obey, trust and glorify our Creator. But glorifying God in a spirit of trust does have side effects, one of which is joy. Under proper conditions, fun is another result. And some of those conditions are up to us.

This we know: we all like fun and we need it. In Genesis 2:18 God looked at the man He had made and said, "It is not good that man should live alone. I will make him a helpmeet or a helper who will fit together with him." Then He said that was good. Good marriage, someone wrote, is "a new beginning of life, a new starting point for happiness."

I am responsible for my own self. I must accept that as a believer. I am even responsible for my own joy. I must take that and work with Christ. F-U-N. Not joy, not Christian joy because Christ is Lord, but fun in marriage. There are some things that we must all do:

IN RELATION TO YOURSELF

1. **Keep your own spirit up.** Galatians 5:22-23. "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy and peace . . ." Unless you keep your own spirit up with Christ you are never going to be fun to be with! And you are the only one who can keep your relationship to the Lord where it should be. Agreed?

Walk in the Spirit. Enjoy His control.

2. **Have a fun diversion.** If you work with your body most of the time, you will want it to be a time when you work with your mind. If you work with your mind most of the time, you will want it to be a time that you work with your body. What is that for you?

3. **Do your work with fun,** at least as unto Christ. Can your work be fun?

Did you ever pull into a service station and feel like the guy was saying, "What are you doing here?" "What's the big idea?" Then you pull in another place and it looks like the

guy is so delighted to see you. You make friends. He's having fun in a good way. It can be the same way at your job.

4. **Laugh at yourself.** Sometimes we take ourselves much too seriously. I mean, there are times you speak ex cathedra, but there are other times when you really say dumb things. We take ourselves so seriously that we are embarrassed that somebody could possibly ever disagree, especially our wives or our husbands, and especially if they are wrong! Laugh at yourself! If you're going to have fun as you look at yourself, you're going to have to know that you are a failure in many cases. Be willing to learn and change and grow.

5. **Practice smiling.** It does take practice. It's hard to smile. It takes work. But what a difference when somebody walks in the home or walks toward their partner with a smile. Also, it does help to open your arms. Let's all practice! (You that are single, forget all this until later, perhaps.) It helps grouchy children in the morning too!

Practice smiling.

6. **Reach out.** Push yourself to have fun. Get yourself in there. Remember how often as a child you stood on the sidelines and wished someone would make you play too? Sometimes we are like that with fun. Push yourself to have fun. Relax. Plan "together" times.

7. **Obey and follow and trust all the rules for marriage.** The husband is to love and the wife to honor. Proverbs says it is better to dwell on the rooftop than with a nagging woman or an unhappy man or woman. It's better to eat vegetables than it is to eat steak if there is grouchiness. Remember steak, anybody?

IN RELATION TO EACH OTHER

Annas Duff writes something I like a lot:

Successful family living strikes me as being in many ways like playing chamber music. Each member of the ensemble has its own skills; his own special knack with the part he chooses to play. But the grace and strength

and sweetness of the performance come from everyone's willingness to subordinate individual virtuosity and personal ambition to the requirements of balance and blend.

That's good.

Joy and fun are part spontaneous, part planned, half and half, or maybe 40 percent and 60 percent. We must work at having fun. Work hard. You have to get serious about this business if you're really going to have fun, and sometimes it's hard, hard work! In fact, sometimes you can work hard for three weeks and never have any fun until you finally have some! We must schedule joy and the atmosphere of relaxation. You have to plan it. You have to decide you're not going to be a grouch.

Now fun is meaningful only against the background of disciplined work, and spiritual seriousness. Otherwise, when a guy is giddy all of the time you think, "What's wrong with him?" You know, it gets old. We're working hard and serving the Lord and our heart is right with the Lord—that's all serious business. Now let's talk about fun. An example of that is: did you ever take two- or three-weeks vacation all at once, and you're climbing the walls the tenth day, and you think "I've got to get back to work" on day thirteen? Fun is only meaningful against the backdrop of disciplined work. If you just sit there and giggle all day, it hurts your stomach! Try it sometime. By 11:30 in the morning your stomach aches, I would imagine.

1. **Love each other unselfishly.** That sounds just philosophical, but I had to say it somewhere. Love each other unselfishly. When somebody loves you unselfishly, the result is fun. Isn't it nice to be loved unselfishly?

2. **Plan fun.** Don't just hope it will happen. TV has killed us this way, hasn't it? We just sit and look. Plan fun.

3. **Schedule dual things.** D-U-A-L, that you both enjoy. You have to schedule them. What are they? Well the man says immediately, "going to a football game." "Honey, every Friday night, I'll meet you at the stadium. We'll have fun." Well, it depends

in Marriage!

on who he is and who she is. That might be fun, but for others it might be going to a knitting match or you might have to compromise! Schedule fun things that you both enjoy. What are they? Everybody is different, but buying your wife a pool table for Christmas is not all love. Schedule dual things you both like. We invested in cross-country skis, at a big sale, and that is fun! The kids love it, Jeanine and I love it.

Before they get married most fellas and gals do things like take walks and talk or turn off the TV and just talk. Then after they get married they say we did, or we used to. Nothing like a good sermon tape—maybe that's what's fun! What's 30¢? 50¢? I bought a bar of soap for Jeanine the other day that was on sale, I won't tell you for how much. I mean it is nice! It smells good. You don't have to have a lot of money to do something fun!

5. Relax together a few minutes everyday. Try to. Usually that might be after supper. Make a rule. Men, don't leave the table until your wife is finished talking. Make rules for yourself about fun and time to relax together as a couple.

6. Sort out chores. One of the real pressures I see in marriage: they don't really know who is assigned what. I think you should start right out at the beginning and say, "Honey, you change the oil"—that could be a man or a woman, but decide which is which so there isn't always tension. Who's going to make the bed in the morning? Decide.

Often with children, that's a real hassle. If you expect kids to volunteer to put the dishes in the sink, you have unusual kids. Assignments are needed.

7. Give quality to the sexual union. Here everything gets very quiet. That's an area of expression, not an area of disease. It's more of a symptom or a thermometer than it is the real problem, in almost every case. But if you're working on the real problem, then give quality to this union.

It's a gift from God, creative and

beautiful. It takes work, unselfishness. If you skipped *Total Woman*, *The Husband Book*, and *The Act of Marriage*, at least read *The Song of Solomon*. It's pretty explicit, and by God, about married love; physical symptoms.

8. Plan at least one extended break annually. Everybody needs that. Vacation—if you can. Most jobs allow for that. It doesn't have to be expensive, but there are memories and traditions that come with time away from the home that are very special. I think families need that for a break. There are some advantages to repetition in where you go and not being exhausted from traveling, but each family is different. Never knock another person's vacation hopes. *The Husband Book*, on driving, says stop frequently. Boy, I don't practice what he preached there but . . .

9. Know what fun or competition you should not do together. There are some things husbands and wives should not do together. Agree? Some people can play tennis together and some people can't. There are some things you don't have to do together unless it's live together. If you can't hang wallpaper together, don't try it.

10. Live with forgiveness. You can't have fun unless you forgive and are forgiven. If you have a grudge against anybody as you read this, it's not as much fun for you tonight as it is for somebody who doesn't have any grudges. In marriage if you carry something against your partner you can't relax. It's just impossible.

11. Have fun expressions. Every married partner has fun things they remember; little expressions or things that have just social or physical or per-

sonal connotations. I don't mean that you tell secrets and wink across the room. Not sarcasm. Just relaxing with each other, or joy in being like children.

12. Relax about "iddlies." Iddly-piddly is the way some people spell it. Can you imagine standing in front of the Lord some day and saying, "He squeezed his toothpaste at the wrong end," and the Lord says, "He did?!" Some things are just iddly-piddly and we need to relax about them. Maybe we need to discuss them. What's three minutes? Somebody's late three minutes and it's like the world has ended. "I was sitting here waiting three minutes!" Now seven or eight minutes—that's different!

Iddlies. Relax about them. We all need to.

13. Very important. Realize you married a "failer." Are you aware of that? Did you know it from the beginning? With few exceptions our partners fail less than we do, but we all marry people who fail. If we don't relax about that, we're always uptight.

Did you know when you got married that there would be times when she would fail you? He would? Say something they shouldn't, have a bad day? Sure, we all fall short of the glory of God and of the glory of marriage, but isn't it nice to be forgiven? Two failers can love in grace and do better and get up and help each other up and keep going.

14. Rest. Especially if you need it in special ways. Help each other that way.

There they are. Guaranteed.

Have good fun, all the while thanking God for the great purpose of life—to glorify Him.

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The Growing Church



Plan your own

Christian Action Night

Community

Grace Brethren Church

Whittier and La Mirada, California

John Mayes, Sr., pastor

Community GBC of Whittier and La Mirada, California, has a heart for the Great Commission. And the leaders saw the need for more involvement by the people of the church.

But, in the rush of a southern California life style, there had to be a way to stimulate some participation in visitation and outreach. That's when the idea of C.A.N. (Christian Action Night) came up.

C.A.N. consists of dinner at 6:00 p.m., prepared by two ladies of the church, served to anyone involved in boys and girls clubs, leadership, teacher training or visitation. The success of the venture is measured by good, faithful response, good food, rich fellowship and peace in the heart because you know that after dinner you are obeying the Lord by putting the GO in the GOSPEL.

Pastor George F. Wilhelm, minister of evangelism, had this to say:

Lay people are making assigned visits to the homes of new attenders and prospects. In this manner they are sharing their faith which results in conversions, dedications and rededications. In turn, this brings happy, excited people, strengthened in "the faith once delivered unto the saints."

Another involved person, Mrs. Edward Beltran, had this response:

C.A.N. is a good challenge to come every week to be faithful to the Lord by caring for babies while their parents go out on visitation, or are in teacher training.

"C.A.N." it work for you?

Making Christmas More Meaningful

by Roger Hancock

Before my family and I knew of Jesus and His salvation, we did not appreciate His birthday celebration. After we came to a personal relationship with Christ, we decided to make Christmas a more meaningful time, centered around Christ.

A new meaning was found for us as we decorated the tree, which goes something like this: **The Branches:** Represent Christ's outstretched arms on the cross. **The Lights:** Jesus is the Light of the World. **Icicles:** The tears that Jesus shed for us. **The Round Balls:** Represent the world. Jesus said, "We are to preach the Gospel to all the world." **The Star:** The star that shone on the night of our Saviour's birth.

Since God gave us the very first and best Christmas gift, we decided to make Jesus the first on our Christmas list. A container is placed on the counter marked, "Birthday Gift for Jesus." Each one in the family is given the opportunity of contributing to this gift. The money is then sent to an orphanage, where a small gift, and a Bible is given to some orphan child in Jesus' name.

Christmas is a joyous family time as we hear the Christmas story and know why we celebrate. We just thank the Lord Jesus Christ, for giving us a real reason to celebrate Christmas Day.

Roger has been a member of the Grace Brethren Boy's Committee since its inception, and has also served for a number of years as the secretary/treasurer of the NFGMB. He lives in Mansfield, Ohio.



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Christmastime Reflections for Men in the Lord's Church

by Harlan Ahlgren

Thoughts of our Saviour's birth brought to mind at the Christmas season include Christ's mission on earth.

The men in the Lord's church should emphasize Christ's mission and our commission on the earth. This is done by being an example in leadership, motivation, dedication, commitment, evangelism, and discipleship; in following of Christ's Word (the Bible) by reading, studying, and meditation of the Word on a daily basis for self and family. The strong points of the Christmas season are love, prayer, music, encouragement, being a light, witnessing, and telling of Jesus' birth and the salvation offered to us through Him.

Men can set an example the year-round as Christ did, by serving in the Lord's work in areas of pastoral assistance, holding office, Sunday school service, tithing, prayer, choir, youth ministries, and work days.

As we glorify God, His Son, and the Holy Spirit during the Christmas season, we note Philippians 2:4: "Do not merely look out for your own personal interest, but also for the interest of others."

Harlan has served on the Grace Brethren Boy's Committee and on the 1979-80 NFGMB Executive Committee and lives in Westminster, California.

What Christmas Means to Me

by Ray Sturgill

Christmas in the past has meant many things to me. As a child in a home where the Word of God was not taught, Christmas meant food of a variety (fruit, candy and nuts) that was served only on special occasions. It also meant a week of no school. As a young man, it was a time to celebrate. (Celebrate what? I didn't know. But to prove I had celebrated properly I always had a rotten feeling for several days afterwards.)

At the age of 25, the meaning of Christmas changed very much for me. It meant that God, who knows all, knew my depraved condition, and that the birth (and death) of Jesus Christ became my way to eternal life. Knowing this, Christmas means eternal life; sins forgiven; life changed; fellowship with like believers; fellowship with the Holy Family: Father, Son and Spirit; encouragement to live the life here; Christ in me—the hope of glory. This was all made possible because of Christmas (Christ's birth).

Ray Sturgill has been a member of the Grace Brethren Boy's Committee since its inception, and he resides in Orlando, Florida.



— Builder of Men

Many churches involved in Grace Brethren Boys are finding that their boys' ministry is doing as much, if not more, for the men involved than for the boys. As the men study the Word of God in preparation for the weekly meeting, God often challenges their own hearts first. The men are encouraged to live a consistent and godly life because of the watching eyes of their boys. A number of men got their first experience in soul winning by introducing one of their boys to Jesus. For some men, their very first teaching experience is before a group of eager-squirming boys.

Grace Brethren Boys is, in truth, not only a builder of boys but a builder of men.

I would like to share with you how working with Grace Brethren Boys has been a spiritual blessing to me. In spite of occasional frustrations and discouragements, working with the program has:

1. *Given me an opportunity to share Jesus Christ with others.*
2. *Taught me new skills.*
3. *Made me more conscious of my need to walk in fellowship with Christ, since young lives are watching me.*
4. *Kept me informed with what is on the mind of young fellows today, thus helping me with my own two sons.*

Tom Hartman
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Since I've begun working with Grace Brethren Boys, I'm really conscious of using my body members as instruments of unrighteousness. I am acutely aware that the boys are patterning themselves after me.

North Atlantic District

Thank you for a program such as Grace Brethren Boys which encourages and develops Christian maturity in our young men. We are a Home Missions church with little more than a year of existence behind us. With most of our people young in the faith, we need to quickly begin developing our men as future leaders.

Home Missions Pastor

My pastor wanted someone to take the boys on the nights when the girls have SMM. I volunteered to assist, but wound up being the leader. I was more or less supposed to just babysit, but I wanted more for the boys. I have never done any teaching before, but I follow your suggestions in the Chopping Block. Some of these boys are asking for more lessons and goals they can strive for on some of the topics.

Midwest

It is a real thrill to watch the Lord at work in the lives of the men who work with our Grace Brethren Boys unit. We are seeing as much growth in the men as we are in the boys.

Pastor

I'm learning much more about the needs (spiritually and emotionally) of this age group as I get to really know my boys. I'm reading every supplemental book I can find on boys' ministry. I really get excited when a boy comes to Christ. I'm realizing how very important it is to lean on Christ for strength when leading the club activities, strength to be a good Christian example, and of cardinal importance, to reach these boys for Christ.

West Coast



Women Manifesting Christ

Missionary Birthdays

FEBRUARY 1981

(If no address is listed, the address will be found on pages 32-34 of the 1981 Grace Brethren Annual.)

AFRICA

Mr. George Peters February 1
Stacey Pfahler February 1, 1979
Mrs. Linda Mensinger February 4
Rev. Eddie Mensinger February 13
Heidi Pfahler February 17, 1970

BRAZIL

Heidi Johnson February 5, 1972

FRANCE

Rev. Dave Hobert February 16
Miss Janet Varner February 28

MEXICO

Mrs. Miriam Churchill February 2

IN THE UNITED STATES

Miss Mary Lois Miller February 21
Mrs. Vivian Altig February 26

Grace Offering Opportunity

This year's project for Grace Schools goes toward the refurbishing of the Seminary lounge and towards the addition of more student mailboxes. The furniture in the lounge at this time is original equipment and with the increase in student enrollment the mailboxes are a vital need. Money designated towards this offering should be received during the months of December, January, and February, and the due date for the project is March 10.

REMEMBER THE NAVAJO MISSION PROJECT
TOWARDS THE HIGH SCHOOL
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"For the Lord
grants wisdom!
His every word
is a treasure of
knowledge and understanding."
PROVERBS 2:6



When Life Began

Louisa Hill, a German believer, came to Christ as Saviour from a Catholic background. Her personal struggle was one of depression, indecision and lack of love for the adopted daughter she had so long desired. Following her conversion she found a new love for Christina and although her personal struggle was being solved through trust in Christ, her atheistic husband was confounded by the change in his wife.

David, not being a Christian, did not want to accept the biblical method of bringing up a child. He had been rather severely punished by his father and resented it to that very day and, thus, had an aversion towards any kind of physical punishment. I tried to show him from the Bible that making a child obey was God's way, but, of course, not believing in the Bible he would not accept it at all. I was thrown into conflict on many occasions as David forbid me to correct Christina in the way the Lord wants us to. One day things were very bad again. Christina was consistently disobedient about a certain matter and David was at a loss for what to do, as neither his nor my method brought any positive results. We were constantly at logger-heads about it and that did not help either. So I asked David to call Roger Peugh, whom we had met a little while earlier at Irene's place on Valentine's Day. David picked up the phone, there and then, and called Roger to make an appointment. We had a very long discussion on how to bring up children and he loaned David a book on the subject entitled: *Dare to Discipline* by Dr. James Dobson. On reading the book, David decided that the method was good and right. So another problem was solved and things started to run smoother and, of course, Christina started to notice that both Mummy and Daddy were pulling in the same direction. She started to take the whole matter more seriously.

By this time, Christina was five years old and I had been reading the Bible to her every day and talking to her about Jesus. One day we came to a passage that said that all people who do not have Jesus in their hearts will go to hell. This bothered Christina quite

a bit. That very same evening, as she went to say her night prayers, she came out of her bedroom and told me, "Mummy I have asked Jesus into my heart." I was thrilled.

Then she asked me one day: "Why doesn't Daddy pray? Why are you always praying at the table?" Well, I had to tell her that Daddy did not have Jesus in his heart and that he did not believe in God, and asked her to pray for him, as I had been doing every day since I had become a Christian.

To me, it seemed impossible that David would ever accept the Lord. He was such an ardent atheist and a believer in evolution. He had accepted me and respected me, and allowed me to practice my belief. In fact, he even took me to Sunday services at Roger's church and to Bible study as I was unable to drive our car due to a fault in my eyes. So, in this way, God used my bad sight to bring my husband to hear His Word, which was presented to him very strongly every Sunday by Roger. Many discussions followed and many prayers were offered to overcome whatever was blinding David.

Then we went to the "Word of Life" camp near Munich, where David was really steeped in the Word. Following a great deal of heated discussion, he finally accepted the Lord into his life. What a wonderful thing that was! Now we were a family of three; a Christian family of three.

Shortly after David became a Christian, we were confronted with the question concerning baptism. My first reaction was one of rejection. I did not see the need to be baptized again. I had already been baptized into the Lutheran church and once into the Catholic church. What reason did I need to be baptized again? Following a sermon given by Roger Peugh, I realized that I had not been baptized at all and that I should be baptized just as the Lord commands it. David made up his mind quickly about it and so we were both baptized in February of 1978 in Roger's church.

One thing led to another in rapid succession. Not long afterwards, David felt the call of the Lord into full-time ministry. He struggled with his thoughts for quite some time before he got around to telling me about it. This he did very, very gingerly to see what I felt about it and what my reactions were. I must say that it did not surprise me a great deal nor did it seem to surprise Roger when David told him about it. Six months later the question came up about where we would study. Praise the Lord that we did not have to leave our home, as this difficulty was overcome by the starting of a Bible institute in Mohringen, Stuttgart. David has been studying two years already in preparation for full-time ministry. As a result of this, we came to America to visit churches and to meet Christian brothers and sisters.

Just over a year ago the Lord gave us another child. His name is Mike. He was six years old at the time and in need of parents. We accepted him into

Mission Study Personalities

NOVEMBER STUDY

Mrs. Maryan Schroeder is pictured with her husband



DECEMBER STUDY

Roland and Evi Bosch, Germany



our home and several months later he also accepted the Lord into his life. He told me one day: "Mummy, I am a Christian too now." I said, "How do you know?" "Well," he said, "I knelt down and I asked the Lord to come into my heart and wash me clean." How wonderfully the Lord works in our lives!

We cannot thank Him enough for what He did on the cross for all of us. It seems unbelievable that the Lord loves sinners like us, but praise Him that He does!

WMC Idea File

Adopt a shut-in. Encourage through prayer, gifts of time and substance these less fortunate in attending regular services of your church. The WMC of a church in eastern Pennsylvania set up a display with pictures and necessary information of each shut-in ministered to by the church. The ladies, in turn, took pictures and pledged to pray for and encourage these shut-ins.

1. Take black and white pictures (to eliminate high cost factor) of each shut-in within church family.
2. Get enough prints (optional) to give each lady at WMC meeting one picture.
3. If pictures are not used, a reminder to pray for the individual could be made in another attractive fashion.
4. On back of each picture or reminder, place name, address of lady, and telephone number if applicable. Also attach birthday dates or other suitable occasions for remembrance. Attach a strip of magnetic tape to the reverse side of the picture.
5. Prepare a bulletin board or poster for use at church or WMC introducing the idea.
6. At the meeting, show the poster and tell a bit about each shut-in. Emphasize the importance of frequently remembering these dear ones. Pray for them faithfully and help them in any way they might need assistance.
7. Allow each WMC lady to adopt a shut-in equaling out the number assigned to each one.

Missionary Biographies



Margaret Mason

Greetings to all of you. I am Margaret Mason—a missionary to the C.A.R. Harold, my husband, is a medical doctor. We have six children in the U.S.; four of whom are happily married (we also have six grandchildren). Joyce, our daughter who is 20, is in the nursing program at Grace College. Sharon, our 17-year-old daughter is a freshman at Grace. We count on your prayers for these girls as they are in college while we are in Africa, and that the Lord will bless them during our separation.

My duties in Africa are varied. I'm the hostess at the station where we live, and this requires that I find a place for visitors to stay. I also help in a junior Bible school, teaching the ladies. Sometimes I teach reading and writing and part of the time I teach Bible. I enjoy teaching the Bible the most, but the ladies also need to know how to read to know more about the Bible.

Teaching women in Africa is very difficult because many of the ladies have young babies with them. Trying to concentrate on reading and caring for a young one at the same time is difficult, as you can imagine. As I observe the OTN—Africa's WMC group—it is very

interesting to note how the ladies have grown in the Lord. Some have become mature leaders in the church, and many of them have been able to give the Bible study themselves. We thank the Lord for the ladies and their desire to learn more about the Lord and for helping their fellow women in the villages.

That's what mission work is all about. Going to another land and helping others to teach their own people about Jesus. Thank you for including me as one of your birthday missionaries for this coming year and for the prayers as well as the financial support. May the Lord bless each one of you.



Martine Vieuble

A French lady is a Brethren missionary in the Central African Republic. Yes, I teach mathematics and Bible in the James Gribble High School organized by the mission. My name is Martine Vieuble (view-blai). Jean-Claude and I have two children. Sundrine, our daughter, is 4; and Nicholas is 3. They are not in school yet and are at home with us. I have a young African girl who keeps them while I teach in the morning. Her name is Esther. We came to Africa for the first time in September 1975. We lived in

Bangui, the capital, for one year. It was not too hard to adapt to a new kind of life. The following year we left for Yaloke, a village in the interior. Life here is exciting and we don't have time to get bored, even without television. There are so many things going on; it is very colorful.

For example, I learned to make bread. What an exploit! A French wife never makes her own bread. The first time I tried, the bread was barely edible, but now it is excellent. I have also learned how to smoke meat, because ham is too expensive in Bangui.

I have also had to learn to share my life with certain little, strange insects that are always where you do not want them to be—in the flour, the rice, or the spaghetti. Then, too, we have parasites on the fruits and vegetables. We have to wash them carefully with a little soap and then rinse them off in filtered water. These precautions are annoying but absolutely necessary. After five years, you don't think about it anymore. Sometimes we find a little scorpion or a snake that reminds us to never walk around barefooted. We have to take medicine daily to ward-off malaria.

Of course, you want to know how I came here. I received Christ into my life in 1973 through the witness of the missionary team of the "Chateau de Saint-Albain" near Macon in France. God showed me that my life should be for His service. I was married in 1974 to Jean-Claude Vieuble, whom I met at the Chateau. We went to Paris for a year of Bible study. After this we received a letter from the Steudlers, who were serving in Africa, telling us there was work for us to do in Africa. Thus, God led us here on African soil where we are serving Him. Please continue to pray for us.

Navajo WMC

Makes a First Impression

Dear WMC ladies,

We, here at the Navajo mission, thought you might like to hear about the WMC meetings at Cedar Hill. The group meets every Thursday, but Norma Lathrop and I go out every other week to give them a hand with the Bible study and mission study. They usually meet at the church, but this time they were meeting at one of the homes since they were having a baby shower.

Norma and I climbed in the Datsun pickup and joggled along over the dirt roads. About five miles from the mission we came upon two Navajo women who had been to the clinic at the mission. They were also going to the shower on their way home so they climbed into the bed of the pickup. The older woman was wearing the traditional Navajo costume—gathered skirt, blouse, scarf on her head. The younger woman was wearing pants. (It looks like the old colorful Navajo costume is in its last season. The older women still wear it, but all the younger women wear slacks.)

The contrast between the new and the old is evident everywhere. When we arrived at the place of the meeting little Joey, the guest of honor, was sleeping on a cradle board—wearing store-bought clothes and wrapped in a K-Mart blanket. Year-old Vicky toddled around in a fancy nylon dress and buckskin moccasins.

Many of the Navajos still live in the old hogan, but this house was plastered and had two rooms; though nothing fancy, I assure you. Across the back of the house was built a brush arbor lean-to. The arbor was a frame of poles with dry branches stacked on top. Even though the sun was hot, there was a breeze blowing and it was quite cool under the shelter.

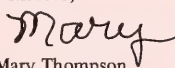
Sheep, goats and several dogs wandered around the edge of the arbor. Cooking was done on a wood stove with clay piled around it (I suppose to conserve the heat).

Norma and I sat on an old daybed with no mattress, but it had a folded quilt for padding. There was a long stool and several assorted chairs where more of the ladies sat and a rough table for serving. But even in these humble surroundings the fellowship was just like down-home, and the refreshments were more sumptuous than at any shower I've ever attended—lamb stew, sliced cantaloupe, potato chips, sliced hot chiles, fry bread and chocolate cake. They also served Kool-Aid and coffee.

After the shower the ladies' meeting finally got underway. I gave the WMC Bible study on Proverbs, and Mary Butler translated. I had given this same study at the staff WMC meeting, but it had to be changed a lot for these ladies—the applications, not the Scripture. Proverbs has been translated into Navajo, but it is not very familiar to the people yet. Its truths, however, are very relevant to the Navajo way of life. They have problems, just as we do, with untamed tongues, wayward children, marital breakups, and alcohol. All these issues are dealt with in Proverbs.

One sad remembrance I have of the afternoon is that inside the house, on a pile of quilts, an old Navajo lady was propped against the wall. The women said she was nearing a hundred—maybe older. But she is not a Christian. She has heard the message, but has never responded. Now she's blind and deaf. Pray for the many Navajos who have not responded; or who have heard the call of Christ, then turned aside.

With love,



Mary Thompson

Editor's Note: Mary Thompson along with her husband, Ray "Bud" Thompson, have recently assumed staff positions at the Navajo Mission in New Mexico. Ray served faithfully on the Foreign Missions staff in Winona Lake, Indiana, for many years.

It's Nice to be Brothers . . . and Even Nicer to Have Such a Father

by Knute Larson

1980-1981 Moderator of Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches

Thank you for the call to moderate.

I accept.

I am a moderate at heart anyway; at least in issues that are not cut and dried.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, may I urge you to do it with the passion of

Psalm 119:80-81

Those theme verses for our conference year speak of honor to His Word and passion for His salvation.

My soul languishes at times, but usually gets lazy unless I discipline myself with the fervor of a commitment made strong by an honest look at the needs of the world.

And that includes the needs of my church. And our churches.

We have a long way to go. We have come a long way. We have a great heritage, in many ways. But we have not finished the race. In fact, some of us have died on "Heartbreak Hill," when the running gets steep and hard.

When my heart and our hearts are with

Psalm 119:80-81

then we will be doing His priorities.

First, Christians, linked to the Father, in the Son, controlled by His Spirit.

Then, Brethren.

Who Are We Anyway?

What Does It Mean to Be Grace Brethren?

We are first Christians. We are tied with believers around the world in a calling that is higher than a fellowship of churches, or denomination. We are children of God, because we believe in the need for personal faith and salvation.

We know that church is a means, but Christ is the end.

We find it uplifting that He is calling people all over the world, of every background, to His Son, Jesus Christ. And that we can have a part in that as

we stay with the mission.

We arose with many other vibrant fellowships out of the Reformation, a little bit away from it, because we thought it was not traveling quite far enough. We stand in a tradition of holiness, in a fellowship of churches that has always called for personal integrity with Christ. For honesty in front of His Word.

We like what Martin Luther did, and we like it so much that we have added to it with the same sentiment—to get back to the Word in many areas of practice.

So we like our heritage, and we worship Jesus Christ with bonds of love for each other and for Christians who may not have concluded their studies of Scripture with the same exact practices we have, but who have indeed continued their studies with the same love for Jesus Christ.

But Why Do We Need the Fellowship?

There are things we can do together that need done and that:

1. Some churches could not do alone or without the cooperation of others.
In fact most.

2. Things that are so big in scope that they take all of us standing together and reminding each other—the Great Commission is that giant, and all the processes of Christian education that go together to make it happen.

So we've banded together to help each other. Those who are richer help the poorer. We throw our resources together without jealousy to come out with mutual aid. Not equal giving, but equal sacrifice. And caring.

But I Don't Hear Enough about Our Heritage. Can't We Say More?

We are the victims of a time when traditions and memories are often too short. I guess we all know that. "People don't neighbor like they used to," and "they don't remember like they used to."

But it's also because we feel so strongly the chal-

lence of today and tomorrow. The signs of the dissolution of the world are so clear, that we feel bound to make a last-quarter burst to accomplish. We're challenging each other to double in decades, to plant a lot of new churches, to get those missionaries over there. We feel like this is no time to stall or major on exact width of the line on the side of the football field, but to head toward the touchdown: helping people be redeemed in Jesus Christ and grow in His Word.

So, yes, sometimes we don't look back enough perhaps. But we're looking forward with all the energy we have toward a thrust into the world by the means of today's communication, by the love of every church attender, by the strong preaching of the Word so that men's hearts melt with conviction.

And we really need each other to do that, as much as we need Christians all over the country and the world.

We're in this until death.

How Could We Be More United in This Passion to Touch the World for Christ?

Well the silliest thing would be to get together as a fellowship of churches every month or so. The hard work is at the home front.

The answer is, we could stress the commission and do the work of love and unity in every local church so that people band together to head for the touchdown and the score, instead of tasting the cotton candy up in the stands or arguing about the width of the field. Churches that are growing with love and reaching out with joy are doing that. The people are feeling the excitement of giving answers to people who are indeed asking questions. In a world that is bursting apart, literally and physically as well as spiritually.

The real strength of our Fellowship is the local church, where people serve with love and admit, in the integrity and piety that was always meant to characterize us, that they are strugglers who need each other.

As a fellowship we can help each other with common goals and missions and the serving of the smaller by the larger.

Sometimes I Get the Attitude from Some of Us that We Are the Only Ones. Does Anyone Think That?

Not really. We know we are bound for heaven along with many others. Secretly we think that Christ will show them that our convictions were the ones that were right on the issues where we differ (after all, what is a conviction if it's not something that you

think is right?). But our confession is with Christ and is a call to serve Him realizing that we are actually very little and very meaningless without His grace.

If because we love our Fellowship and enjoy the friendship of people with whom we have had close contact in huddles and pep rallies, then forgive us if at times we sound provincial.

We do like the church.

We do like the direction we're taking when our eyes are on Christ and the world He loves, and not being Brethren alone, or better than someone else.

So sometimes we speak with special joy.

And we're glad when people from other churches do that about theirs, when they're committed to Jesus Christ and His Word.

What Are Our Biggest Needs?

On with the work. We so easily assess and meet just to meet and look at the past or just get lazy and glad to be a part of a "Bible-believing church."

In a sense, there's no such thing as a Bible-believing church. There are people who believe the Bible and those people must individually stay strong in the Word and in the Spirit, sharing with love.

So we do that, and we grow in Christ and in His love. Love, with truth. But love. Open love. Caring love. Reaching love. Unselfish love.

"Graceous" love.

When Will We Get Together Again?

Sunday? Or perhaps Wednesday or Thursday?

No, I mean, as a Fellowship.

Sunday. Or Wednesday or Thursday. Or maybe for a ministry in between those days.

That's really when Grace Brethren meet—in the individual churches—we don't have to be all under one roof. We are meeting as God's children, to honor the Father and serve Him.

And there's where the energy starts—to serve Him and then get together in the local church and then reach out to the world.

And as we can help each other as a fellowship, we will and we have and we can and we must.

But When Does that Fellowship Gather in Conference to Hear Reports and Do More for the Great Commission Together?

Our next national conference is July 25-August 1, in Winona Lake, Indiana—beginning on that Sunday morning; actually Saturday evening with a delightful concert.

And we do want people to come because we love each other and can give inspiration to go back and do the work of love and mission on the local scene.

News Notes

'78 GRAD STUDIES FOR PH.D.

by Vance Christie

Eugene Inman, one of only two students in the history of Grace College to graduate with a 4.0 grade point average, is in his third year of the analytic chemistry program at the University of Florida. He is studying for the Ph.D.

Inman, a 1978 graduate of Grace with majors in chemistry and mathematics, was able to complete 39 hours of chemistry courses during the first year of his program. Last year he held a teaching assistantship while taking courses toward a computer science minor. The classes he taught were quantitative analysis and instrumental analysis. He was also required to complete a number of cumulative examinations last year. His final two years will be dedicated to research and will be subsidized by the federal government's National Institute of Health.

Inman decided to attend the University of Florida after receiving offers by several other postgraduate schools. The university of 32,000 students is located in Gainesville, Florida, situated in the northcentral part of the state, about 50 miles from the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. A year-round moderate climate is afforded the state-sponsored institution, which is nationally ranked in the fields of law, engineering, communication, science and medicine. The university is a center for extensive sponsored research.

Inman has successfully completed his first two years with an outstanding 3.97 grade point average. His high academic accomplishment in no way reflects a simple program. The analytic chemistry division of the University of Florida is among the top 10 in the country.

Eugene attributes his success, rather, to his undergraduate training. He says: "I was well prepared when I left Grace. This was due especially to the efforts of Dr. (Ray) Gsell and Dr. (Vilas) Deane." Gsell is a chemistry professor at Grace, and Deane teaches mathematics.

For the next two years, Inman will be working with a "very large" chemistry research group. The group consists of about 20 graduate students, 6 post-

Ph.D.s and 8 undergraduates. Beginning this past summer, 25 percent of his time is taken up in reviewing current literature and study, and 75 percent is taken up in laboratory work. The laboratory work consists of instrumental design, computer interfacing and learning of current laser techniques.

Upon completion of his studies at the university, Eugene would like to either teach at the college level or take a position in industry. If he does enter industry, he hopes to work in the development of analytic techniques, specifically as they apply to problem solving. While these are his present desires, he's not setting any limits on future possibilities, saying: "I'll graduate in June of 1982. From there, anything is possible."

Eugene is 24 years old. He and his wife, Wanda, reside in Gainesville. Among his non-academic interests are softball, fishing and golfing.

Inman is the second oldest of four children. His older sister, Gena, was also a 1978 graduate of Grace College. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Inman, Sr., live in Mt. Carroll, Illinois.



DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM WALKER, right, are presented the Grace College Parents of the Year award by Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., at the 1980 homecoming coronation. Janet Walker, a senior at the college, wrote the winning essay about her parents who serve as medical missionaries in the Central African Republic.

GRACE COLLEGE HOMECOMING

Hundreds of parents joined Grace alumni from around the United States on October 3-4 at this year's Homecoming-Parents Weekend. The weekend began with coronation activities at the Rodeheaver Auditorium on Friday evening. "Passport to Paradise" was the weekend theme. Grace senior Connie Whitcomb, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb, Warsaw, Indiana, was crowned the 1980 Homecoming Queen. Dr. and Mrs. William Walker, also of Warsaw, were honored as the 1980 Grace Parents of the Year.

Traditional Homecoming activities made Saturday

most exciting. Students had worked for weeks constructing giant floats for the parade on Saturday morning, the Lancers were victorious over visiting Bellarmine College from Louisville, Kentucky, at the annual soccer game, and the afternoon saw 18 Grace scholars inducted into the national Alpha Chi honor society. The evening was crowned with a huge Homecoming Banquet at the Rodeheaver Auditorium where 710 guests enjoyed dinner and a musical concert featuring Christine Wyrzten of Schroon Lake, New York.



CONNIE WHITCOMB, center, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John C. Whitcomb, receives a lei after being crowned the 1980 Grace College homecoming queen by last year's royalty, Mrs. Gail (Bonar) Vaughn. Gail's escort, her husband, Larry, holds Miss Whitcomb's cape at right. The theme of the homecoming extravaganza was "Passport to Paradise."

SIX FROM HAWAII

A Grace Brethren church located 4,000 miles from Winona Lake, Indiana—the Waimalu (Hawaii) Grace Brethren Church—has six of its students attending Grace College this fall. Chrystal Duncan, Harold (Hal) Steinhoff, Gary Johnson, Tina Takeuchi, Nathan Zakahi and Derrick Niibu have all been influenced through the church to attend Grace College.

The 160-member Waimalu Grace Brethren Church is located on Oahu, 1 of 8 islands which collectively make up the state of Hawaii. Waimalu is a suburb of neighboring Aiea, a city of 12,000 people, and is located 8 miles from Honolulu.

The church is pastored by Rev. James Kennedy, a 1964 Grace Seminary graduate. He has been at the church for three years. Many of the students attending Grace this year credit Pastor Kennedy as having a large influence on their decision.

Chrystal Duncan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Duncan, Makakilo, Hawaii. In the Waimalu church she was involved with the puppet ministry, the young adult Bible study and the choir cantatas. Chrystal is a junior and is majoring in behavioral science; specializing in counseling. She decided to come to Grace to take Bible courses and to learn more of God's Word.

Tina Takeuchi attended the Waimalu church for five years before leaving for college on the mainland. A freshman, Tina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masaji Takeuchi of Aiea, Hawaii. Tina was very active in the puppet ministry of the church and in the ninth grade took a trip to Alaska and Washington state to minister with the team. The summer before her junior

GRACE COLLEGE TRAVELING GROUPS

Grace College traveling groups will be quite active during the winterim (Jan. 4-18) and the Easter vacation (April 5-12). Here are the areas of travel for these groups.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
Concert Choir	West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina	January 4-18	Professor Don Ogden
Resounding Brass	Tennessee, Georgia, Florida	January 4-18	Professor Dennis Herrick
Men's Basketball Team	Northern California, Northwest, Canada	January 2-13	Coach Jim Kessler
Freshman Choir	Michigan, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania	April 5-12	Professor Don Ogden
Sound Investment	Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, D.C.	April 5-12	Professor Paul Milliman
Drama Team	Arizona	April 5-12	Dennis Brown

year she was on Operation Barnabas in the Southeast and this experience led her to decide definitely to attend Grace. She was attracted to Grace because of its Christian course offerings and atmosphere.

Nathan Zakahi, a senior at Grace and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Zakahi, Aiea, Hawaii, grew up in the Waimalu Grace Brethren Church when it was first being founded by Pastor Edmond Leech. Nathan transferred to Grace after two years in the University of Hawaii to learn more about the Bible. He would like to use his business major from Grace as a background for work in a business firm or for further education in seminary.

Hal Steinhoff, a junior who is also majoring in business, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Steinhoff, Aiea, Hawaii. He first became active in the Waimalu church when Kip Coffman was pastoring. Hal states that Pastor Coffman had a sizable influence in his decision to attend Grace. Another person who played a part in the decision was Rich Harrell, now a missionary to Africa, who Hal visited with at national youth conference the summer of his junior year in high school. Hal found Grace appealing because it allowed him to study the Bible more thoroughly and to come back to see old friends.

Derrick Niibu and his wife, Lauren, are living in Winona Lake while Derrick is on sabbatical from the Konewaene High School where he teaches physical education and math. Konewaene High is located on

the largest of the eight islands, Hawaii. Lauren teaches home economics there. They have been married since July of this year. Derrick attended the Waimalu church for two years and one summer while in school for the master's degree at the University of Hawaii. During that time he talked to students from the church and was impressed by their reports, so decided to attend Grace this year. He is studying Bible, physical education and speech.

Gary Johnson is the final Waimalu Grace Brethren student attending Grace. Gary is the son of Colonel and Mrs. William Johnson, Honolulu, Hawaii. His father serves in the military at Fort Shafter, two miles from Honolulu. Gary attended the Waimalu church for two years after his family moved to the area. He decided to attend Grace after looking at a few other colleges. He thought Grace would provide a good Christian atmosphere to begin his studies and to grow. Gary, a sophomore, is interested in an engineering career.

FACULTY MEMBER NEEDED IN ACCOUNTING

Grace College's business department has need of an accounting faculty member who meets spiritual and academic qualifications. C.P.A. and master's degree preferred. Recommendations or application inquiries may be sent to Office of Academic Dean, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Living Memorials

THE OCTOBER 1980 HONOR ROLL is as follows:

In Memory of:

Mrs. Hallie G. Coffey
Mr. A. W. Johnson

Rev. Raymond Kettell

Mrs. Doris Votaw
Mrs. Ruth Johnson

In Honor of:

Mr. George Heaton
(Retirement)

Given by:

Mrs. W. H. Greenwood
Southeast District

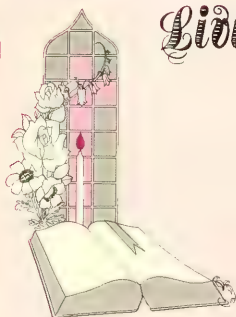
Ministerium

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Simmons
Sadie Minnix

Dr. Myron Yeager
Southeast District
Ministerium

Given by:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Messner



Grace schools

Winona Lake, Indiana 46590

Dr. Jay E. Adams
Alumni Lectureship

Dr. Harold Lindsell
The Bauman Lectureship

Grace Bible Conference

February 10-13, 1981

Mrs. Sue Burnham
Women's Conference

Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe
Miller Lectureship

Dr. Jay E. Adams

Dr. Adams presently serves as visiting professor of practical theology at Westminster Theological Seminary and Dean of the Institute of Pastoral Studies. He is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Temple University School of Practical Theology, and the University of Missouri. Dr. Adams has pastored several churches and has served on the faculty of the University of Missouri. Dr. Adams is a frequent conference speaker and has authored over 25 books. He is best known for his nouthetic counseling approach which has received wide acceptance among evangelical pastors.

Dr. Harold Lindsell

Dr. Lindsell studied and graduated from Wheaton College, the University of California at Berkeley, New York University, and Fuller Theological Seminary. He has served as both a college and seminary professor, but is best known as the former editor of *Christianity Today*. He has authored over 15 books including *The Battle for the Bible*, and has traveled extensively surveying church work overseas. Dr. Lindsell is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *The Directory of American Scholars*, and *Who's Who in the World*.

Featured Speakers

Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe

Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe's ministry as a Bible teacher, radio speaker, and author has taken him throughout the world. He has studied at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Indiana University and Roosevelt University (Chicago). Dr. Wiersbe has authored over 30 books and has edited and compiled several others. Recognized as a "pastor's pastor," Dr. Wiersbe is a popular conference and seminar speaker. He lives in Chicago with his wife and family and divides his time between writing and speaking engagements.

Mrs. Sue Burnham

Mrs. Sue Burnham is the wife of Pastor David Burnham, pastor of The Chapel in University Park, Akron, Ohio. She has a B.S. in education and an M.S. in counseling. She is the mother of three children and is employed at Agape Counseling Service while also teaching and coordinating the women's ministries at The Chapel in University Park. Mrs. Burnham has also authored several Bible study booklets for Moody Press.

Women's Conference

"How to Develop Identity for Yourself"



Mrs. Sue Burnham

Christian Education Workshops

with



Mr. Keith Binkley



Rev. Robert Messner

Faculty Workshops

Dr. John C. Whitcomb
Professor John Sprule
Professor Ivan French
Dr. Charles R. Smith
Dr. John J. Davie
Dr. Donald DeYoung
Professor Jim Ewert
Professor W. Merwin Forbes
Dr. R. Wayne Knife
Dr. Weston Fields
Rev. David Plaster



Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., President

The Church and Missions Workshops



Rev. Jesse Deloe

NOW

current news items of help and interest to you as Brethren

A degree of peace and quiet has returned to the land since the election is now complete, and with this peace are the good thoughts of Christmas and an outlook for a good new year.

The November issue of the Herald contained an article which we trust all of you read. It had to do with the ERA movement and an evaluation of it in the light of Scripture. In the January and February issues we will share with you some of the thoughts and letters which the article will generate. From time to time we like to present articles that will stimulate you and that are current and contemporary in nature.

We at the Herald are looking at the closing days of 1980 as all the material is put together for this final issue of the year. The Herald Ministries has indeed been a record breaker in many ways. Much new equipment has been added and since then it seems difficult to keep up with new demands. The ministry of the printed page continues to grow and the scope and areas of influence of the Herald through books and Christian literature continues to reach wider circles.

It seems that the thinking and feelings of America are taking on an increasingly conservative outlook. America has experimented with the school system and the quality of education has been dropping as tested by a number of different standards. Certainly our economic stance in the world has been on a steadily declining level. Some have said that the influence of the United States is not what it once was and this is probably true. Our seemingly noble experiments have not produced the right results. The call for the old-time values is heard more and more. It seems a most appropriate time for the local church to be speaking out on these values and letting their community know that the answers are found in the Word of God. The Word must be preached and communicated in such a fashion that the people can hear and understand through the influence of the Holy Spirit. Does the program of your local church meet the needs, and are you speaking in that clear, understandable voice?

Of general service to you all, here is a suggestion. Have you ever sent in a form to the Social Security Administration to check the status of your Social Security record? You should do so. It is very easy to do. Obtain, from your post office, a post card Form OAR - 7004 and fill in a few of the necessary blanks. In a few weeks you will receive a Statement of Earnings and information on the status of your account. There is no charge for the service.

Plans for the 1981 national conference are well under way, and if you want to stay at your favorite spot in the Warsaw-Winona Lake area, you'd better make the necessary reservations. A musical concert will be held on Saturday night July 25, and will be sponsored by the Brethren Missionary Herald. The conference sessions will close at noon on Friday, July 31. So get those vacation days requested and lodging reserved, and be with us for a week of blessings and challenge. Knute Larson will serve as moderator this year.



